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CUNNINGHAM KNOX

GIBSON BORDERS

EWING

Families

By LINDA CUNNINGHAM EWING

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*Dedicated to my children and their descendants with a prayer that they cherish a heritage that has been centuries in the making.*

"He only deserves to be remembered by posterity, who treasures up and preserves the history of his ancestry."
*Edmund Burke*

"Make us worthy of those who begot us and of those who defend us."

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LINDA CUNNINGHAM EWING

# FOREWORD

This has truly been a labor of love. A compelling urge from within has kept me constantly at the task of gathering data about my forebears.

I had known so little about my ancestors. When, as a young woman living in Jacksonville, Florida, I first heard of the organization, Daughters of the American Revolution, I had no idea I was eligible for membership. An aunt, Mrs. Victoria Cunningham May, of Lexington, Kentucky, visiting in my home, remarked that I was eligible through the service of Lieut. Samuel Knox. That knowledge was the seed sown in my mind, this book the harvest, this information which no one else has assembled.

The family records and the copies of wills relative to the Ewing family were the most easily obtained. These were secured from Mrs. Lydia Ann McAskill Ewing, wife of Daniel Isaac Ewing, of Candor, North Carolina. She had them safely stored in a large wooden box in her secretary with other valuable letters and documents.

It must be remembered that I was dependent upon others to supply me with the records of their immediate families. When my repeated requests yielded no reply I was therefore unable to include that family in the printed work. This is a matter of real regret to me, since I wished a family history to be as nearly complete as it could be with the assistance of all.

Recently, while doing some tedious research in the Georgia State Capitol in Atlanta I was asked this question by a lady who was serving me:

"Why are you doing this? Don't you realize that no one will appreciate it, that your grandchildren can have no conception of the cost of all this, in money, time and effort?"

I was shocked at the question. Whether it be appreciated or not, this is my contribution to the Past and to the Future, a Past worthy

of perpetuation, a Future deserving of the information. One does not work for appreciation, else we ourselves would not be the heirs to many of the great works of art and science. How few of these benefactors of the human race profited by the fruit of their genius.

But it is no assured fact that my descendants will not value this information. If through the years one single child shall say, "How proud I am of my estimable heritage; I will build worthily upon it," I shall be amply repaid.

Indeed, I am amply repaid in the mere accomplishment of a task born of gratitude to those who builded for me and aspirations for those who, henceforth, shall carry on the family tradition.

LINDA CUNNINGHAM EWING

## LINDA CUNNINGHAM EWING

Linda Cunningham Ewing was born January 27, 1881, at Cliftonville, Mississippi. Her parents were John Borders Cunningham and Margaret Malinda Gibson. She attended the county schools, after which she graduated from Beeson's College at Meridian, Mississippi. After an additional year's training at New York Conservatory she taught piano for two years prior to her marriage to John Allen Ewing April 4, 1905.

In 1906 she moved with her husband to Jacksonville, Florida, identifying herself with the First Baptist Church. While living in Riverside residential section she realized that a Misson or Church was needed in that community because of the great distance across the city to First Church. This was not only an inconvenience but a real hindrance to many who were unable to pay carfare.

Being a woman whose vision has ever been coupled with action, Linda Cunningham Ewing gathered together in her home a group of her neighbors in a prayer meeting, the object being the building of a house of worship*. It was decided to raise $500.00 for that purpose. Mrs. Butler, mother of Colonel Turner Butler, of Jacksonville, was an interested co-worker with Mrs. Ewing in this undertaking, and Mr. Ewing was Treasurer for the group.

A lot was bought and the house of worship was built. In recent years this church was moved and is now Riverside Baptist Church, a thriving city church.

During the five years of her residence in Jacksonville her qualities of leadership and her musical attainments enabled her to grace many cultural circles in that city.

In 1911 the family moved to Valdosta, Georgia, the center of Mr. Ewing's large turpentine interests. While there, Mrs. Ewing joined General James Jackson Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, of which she was Regent 1915-1916 (prior to her removal to Bartow, Florida). It was during Mrs. Ewing's regency that the work of compiling records for a History of Lowndes County**, Georgia, was begun, and a genealogical section was instituted at

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*Minutes on page 108.
**Page 108, 109.

Carnegie Library. It was also during her administration that a building site for a club house was given to the three organizations—Valdosta Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy; Wymodausis Club; and General James Jackson Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. Mrs. Ewing was an active member of all three clubs.

When Mr. Ewing's business interests brought him back to Georgia with his family in 1918, they settled in Ashburn, where they built the first brick home in that South Georgia town. As one could expect, Mrs. Ewing identified herself with the life of the community in its every phase.

First of all, she joined the Methodist Church with her husband, thus revealing an outstanding quality of hers, a spirit of gracious cooperation. Since he felt that he could not leave his church, she equally strong in her convictions, nevertheless chose to blend her life completely with his, giving an added spirit of unity to the home. As a Methodist she has shown the same devotion to the church, having served in many places of leadership, notable as President of the Woman's Missionary Society and as teacher of a Matron's Class. In appreciation for her services the Missionary Society recently made her a life member on December 17, 1945.

Mrs. Ewing has qualified for many "firsts" in her varied life. She was the first woman to register in Turner County, Georgia, and in 1928 she served on the Turner County Board of Trade. In 1928 she was appointed by Sec. Herbert Hoover as Chairman of the Better Homes Campaign in Ashburn. This work won honorable mention among five thousand communities participating in the campaign.

On December 7, 1923, she was appointed by the Executive Board of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution as Organizing Regent of a chapter to be formed in Ashburn. In 1925 the organization was completed, the chapter being named Knox-Conway for her ancestor, Lieut. Samuel Knox, and for an ancestor of several other charter members of the chapter.

Mrs. Ewing was Regent of the chapter for three years following organization. During this time the society was firmly established and much valuable research was done toward assembling material for a history of Turner County, Georgia. Mrs. Ewing is one of the early pioneers in stressing highway beautification. While Regent

of the Knox-Conway Chapter she and her committee beautified a stretch of highway through the main section of the town which adds much to the beauty of Ashburn and is greatly admired by visitors as they pass through.

While serving as President of the Turner County Chapter*, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Mrs. Ewing organized the Jefferson Davis Chapter, Children of the Confederacy. She has served as Worthy Matron of the Ashburn Eastern Star. In 1942 she organized the Motor Corps of the Red Cross and since 1942 has been serving as active Chairman of the Junior Red Cross work in the county**.

Besides these places of leadership in every worthy organization wherever she has lived, Mrs. Ewing faithfully held places of lesser responsibility, proving her worth in following the leadership of others, to promote every fine endeavor.

Linda Cunningham Ewing being the person she is, it is not surprising that she should feel under compulsion to preserve for future generations the record of the Past from which she sprang. As they builded well, so has she. Her life, as theirs, will remain as a source of inspiration to those who follow.

NELL DENTON MASHBURN
(MRS. HENRY MASHBURN)
*County Historian*
Wilcox County, Georgia
*State Historian of the D. A. R.*

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## FROM THE PEERAGE OF SCOTLAND'S ANCIENT FAMILIES

By Sir Robert Douglas, Edinburg, Scotland

"Origin of the Cunningham family—Original name Wernebald of Norman descent. He came to Scotland in 1140 and became very powerful and had the favor of David the first King of Scotland.

"Wernebald became the first "Cunningham, Earl of Glencairn". His son, Robert, followed about 1150. Edward Cunningham married a sister of James the High Stewart of Scotland in 1299. Sir William Cunningham married Mary Stewart, second daughter of King Robert 3rd, of Scotland in 1409. These Cunninghams were great land owners in Ayrshire, Lauderdale, Lothians, Kilmaurs and stretched across Southwestern Scotland to the Channel of Northern Ireland. Alexander Cunningham 4th, Earl of Glencairn, had John Knox* to his house where he dispensed communion with family and friends on Easter in 1556.

"The name Cunningham was derived from the name of the part of the district of Ayrshire, spelled Cunyngham-m Conyngham. These Cunninghams became very powerful in Scottish history for centuries. They fought in Scottish wars with England, feuds with the Scottish Lenoxs, accused of favoring England, of arranging marriages with Scottish royal family to English Royalty."

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*The Cunningham's and Knox's lived in the same section of Scotland and intermarried there centuries before coming to America, and believe it or not, have intermarried here in America and settled in the same section of the United States. The Cunninghams backed John Knox's reformation.

# -Cunningham-

## CUNNINGHAM COAT-OF-ARMS

ARMS: Argent, a shakefork sable.

CREST: A unicorn's head couped argent, armed or.

MOTTO: Over fork over.

AUTHORITY: Douglas' "Peerage of Scotland," 1764 edition.
Burke's "General Armory," 1844 and 1878 editions.

TINCTURE: The shield is silver. The shakefork is black. The wreath is black and silver. The unicorn's head is silver, its horn gold.

# THE CUNNINGHAM FAMILY

"There is only one Cunningham family and that is of Scotch origin. In modern times the records show as many as fifteen spellings of this name but despite all these variations they all go back to one common ancestor, and unlike many other families, this common ancestry can be definitely located. This family dates from the notable Cunningham Castle in Ayrshire, Scotland in the year 1150 A. D. and is located on the banks of the Garnock two miles north of Kilberney, Scotland.

"The original spelling of the name was that used by the majority of the families—CUNNINGHAM. The family has been prominent in Scotland since the 12th century and has sent off cadets into England which have been prominent in that country for several centuries. There are now in Great Britain an even half dozen Knights and baronets of the name.

"Every branch of the Cunningham family, whatever spelling they use, has adopted or accepted the original Coat-of-arms of the "Shake fork" and nearly all of them use the original motto. A few, however, have added other mottoes and here and there make some additions to the old Coat-of-arms, but none had dispensed with the "Shake fork" which is strong confirmatory evidence of the old tradition as to how the family name was obtained.

"The family had risen to great prominence in Scotland by the thirteenth century and in the latter years of that century when the Scots under Wallace rose against the tyranny of Edward the First.

"In the present generation the family has lost nothing of its ancient quality, for we find in the current biographical works of Great Britain that there are many living men of the name who are prominent or eminent in various walks of life.

"In the earlier years of our colonies Scotland sent a vast number of her sons across the water to help people the new country. The Cunninghams had, by the 17th century grown to be a very numerous clan and they sent large number of families to America. While these families were distributed over all sections, Rhode Island being the only Colony that obtained none, they were particularly strong in certain sections. Thus in 1790 the records show seventy-one families in Pennsylvania, forty-eight in Virginia, twenty-eight in New York, twenty-six in North Carolina, twenty-six in Massachusetts, twenty-five in South Carolina and nineteen in Maine.

"They do not appear to have paid much attention to keeping track of their ancestral lines."

# ANSEL CUNNINGHAM

Original line for membership in Daughters of the American Revolution. (Nat. No. 106776.)

I, Margaret Malinda Cunningham Ewing, daughter of

John Borders Cunningham, born Oct. 9, 1833 in Jackson County, Georgia and died Aug. 7, 1912 at Cliftonville, Mississippi. On May 19, 1862 he married Malinda Clayton Gibson of Fayetteville, Tennessee, who was born Dec. 22, 1843 at Fayetteville and died Nov. 23, 1895 at her home at Cliftonville, Mississippi.

John Borders Cunningham was the son of

Ansel Griffin Cunningham, born Sept. 1, 1810 in Wilkes County, Georgia and died Oct. 17, 1848 in Noxubee County, Mississippi. On Oct. 28, 1830 he married Virginia Borders, born Feb. 2, 1813 in Jackson County, Georgia and died Apr. 15, 1889, at Choccolocco, Alabama.

Ansel Griffin Cunningham was the son of

Ansel Cunningham, Revolutionary soldier, born July 27, 1763 in Ireland and settled in Mecklenburg County, Virginia; died Aug. 24, 1840 in Jackson County, Georgia. His first wife was named Elizabeth Stone and his second wife, Mary (do not know last name). We are descended from the second wife, Mary.

A letter to Mrs. J. A. Ewing from Mont Cunningham of Talladega, Ala., Jan. 27, 1914.

Dear Coz. Linda:

Ansel Cunningham, our Revolutionary ancestor, was from Ireland. He came to this country an orphan boy of fourteen or fifteen years of age with a brother-in-law. He had two sisters, one married and the other was an old maid named Lucy. The other sister was Polly who married John Hund (am not sure that is the last name). Now the Revolution came on and he hired our grand-father, Ansel, to go in his place to war. He was only sixteen years of age but he staid and was with Washington in all of the big fights and was there when Independence was declared.

After the War he settled in Jackson County, Georgia on Hurricane Shoals. I went to his home in the year 1890 in August just after I left your father's home in Mississippi. This was one of the prettiest country homes I ever saw. Now these things are not recorded but my father told me of them.

## ANSEL CUNNINGHAM

### Soldier, American Revolution

Ansel Cunningham was born in Ireland, July 27, 1763 and in his early youth emigrated to Mecklenburg County, Virginia. His people lived in Ireland. At sixteen years of age, July 1779, he enlisted in the American Revolution and served six months under Col. Lew Burrell, of Virginia. He applied for a pension Nov. 6, 1832. He died at his home on Hurricane Shoals, Jackson County, Georgia Aug. 22, 1840 where he was buried.* The earliest records of Ansel Cunningham in Georgia show that he bought 100 acres of land in Wilkes County May 29, 1792. His first wife was named Elizabeth and only recently I learned her maiden name through the Will of John Stone, of Wilkes County, where he mentions his daughter, Elizabeth Cunningham and Ansel Cunningham. Drury Stovall is also mentioned, so I infer that he was a brother-in-law. They named their son Drury. Children by this marriage were:

1. Frances and
2. Sallie, twins, born July 4, 1785 in Wilkes County, Georgia
3. Drury Cunningham, born 1788.
4. Nancy Cunningham, born Nov. 12, 1791.
5. Ann Cunningham, born May 21, 1800.

Ansel Cunningham evidently married his second wife, Mary, while living in Wilkes County in 1809. He moved to Jackson County in 1812. Their children were:

1. Ansel Griffin Cunningham, born in Wilkes County Sept. 1, 1810.
2. John H., born April 18, 1812, joined the Thyatira Presbyterian Church Oct. 16, 1842. He died July 29, 1856 at 44 years of age, single.
3. Wm. Jackson Cunningham, born May 20, 1815; died Jan. 18,

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*Through the Knox-Conway Chapter, D. A. R., the War Department placed a Revolutionary marker over his grave.

1892 at Talladega, Ala. He was successful in business and had a very influential family. Mont Cunningham was his son.

Ansel Cunningham's wife, Mary, was born Jan. 29, 1771, and died at her home on Hurricane Shoals in Jackson County, Georgia, Nov. 4, 1852. Records show that she was 39 years of age when her first child was born.

The deed books show that Ansel Cunningham was a heavy land owner, more than two thousand acres. He built a nice home overlooking Hurricane Shoals. I visited this place in 1942 and was thrilled by the beautiful landscape and a spring flowing among the rocks in front of the home. This place is still known as the Cunningham plantation.

The military record of Ansel Cunningham is as follows:

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PARENTS: Names not shown.

BIRTH: July 27, 1763, in Ireland and settled in Mecklenburg County, Virginia.

SERVICE: He stated that he enlisted and served as Private in the Virginia Troops as follows: from January 1779, 6 months in Captain Reuben Vaughn's Company, Colonel Lew Burwell's Regiment and was in the Battle of Stono; he then served 6 months in Captain Richard Whitton's Company, Colonel Tucker's Regiment and was in the Battle of Jamestown.

PENSION: Ansel Cunningham was allowed pension on Certificate No. 16 317 which was issued July 30, 1833, rate $40 per annum, act of June 7, 1832, Georgia Agency.

FAMILY: He was survived by a widow, her name not given. There are no further family data.

RESIDENCES: In 1779 he lived in Mecklenburg County, Virginia. After the Revolution he resided in Wilkes County, Georgia. In 1812 he moved to Jackson County, Georgia. He lived there in 1832 and his post office was "Hurricane Shoal", Jackson County, Georgia.

DEATH: August 24, 1840, place not shown.

# WILL OF ANSEL CUNNINGHAM

## Revolutionary Soldier

GEORGIA

Jackson County:

I, Ansel Cunningham*, being old and infirm and being conscious of my approaching end do make this my last will and testament.

First: It is my last will that all my just debts shall be paid.

Second: I give to my wife, Mary, a negro man Jesse, a woman Malina, a boy Stephen, a girl Chany, and a boy Alford, two horses, two cows and calves, one cart and oxen, 20 stock hogs, together with household and kitchen furniture, fifty barrels of corn and three stacks of foder. The above property I give to my wife, Mary, to dispose of as she thinks proper together with the increase.

Third: I give to Middleton Cox, my grandson, $500.

Fourth: I give to James Montgomery $500.

Fifth: The balance of my property viz: Including my lands and the following negroes viz: a man-Punch, a man-Ned, a man-Joe, a man-Harry, a woman-Lucy, a woman-Jenny, a woman-Sillar, a girl-Frances, a girl-Rody, a girl-Margaret, a boy-Jerry, and a boy-Nathan are to be equally divided between Thomas Barnes, Drury Cunningham, James Montgomery, Ansel G. Cunningham, John H. Cunningham, William J. Cunningham and James Cunningham. Orphans are to receive their fathers proportionable part of this fifth article to my will. It is further my will that my wife, Mary, live on the land and it remains unsold until her death provided she may wish to live on it, but whenever it is sold it is to be divided as above named in the fifth article of this my Will

I do hereby appoint Thomas Barnes, James Montgomery, John H. Cunningham, and William J. Cunningham the executors of this my last will & testament. In testamony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, 22nd day of August, 1840

In presence of:
Richard Wilbanks
Richard Williamson
William M. Winters

Ansel Cunningham

Georgia

Jackson County:

Personally came into open court Richard Wilbanks, Richard Williamson, and Wm. M. Winters, who being sworn, saith that they saw Ansel Cunningham sign the within

*He died within a few days after making this will.

Will and that they subscribed the same as witnesses and that they believe he was at the time of sound mind and disposing memory.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the 7th day of Sept. 1840.

Recorded 7th day of Sept. 1840.
JOHN G. PITTMAN, C. C. O.

RICHARD WILBANKS
RICHARD WILLIAMSON
WILLIAM M WINTERS

## WILL OF MARY CUNNINGHAM

The Will of Mrs. Mary Cunningham,* wife of Ansel Cunningham, is copied from Will Book A, Jefferson, Georgia:

In the name of God and man I, Mary Cunningham, Jackson County, Georgia being old and infirm and conscious of my approaching end make this my last Will and testament in manner and form following to wit:

First, it is my will that all just debts be paid.

Second, I give to my sons John H. and William J. all of my property to be equally divided between them with this understanding that they give to my son, Ansel Griffin Cunningham's children twelve hundred dollars which sum is to be equally divided between them.

I do hereby appoint John H. and William J. Cunningham executors of this my last will and testament where-of I have here-unto set my hand and seal this the 5th, day of October, 1850.

signed MARY CUNNINGHAM

## RECORDS OF WILKES COUNTY, GEORGIA

May 29, 1792 Ansel Cunningham bought 100 acres of land from Curtis Wilborn and Mary his wife. He paid sixty pounds for it.

John Stone deceased. Agreement of heirs Dec. 17, 1806 viz: James Stone Ansel Cunningham and Drury Stovall to divide the estate among themselves which the death of Millender Stone, widow of said John Stone warrants according to the Will, and also, the profits arising from the estate of Eusebius Stone, deceased by virtue of his Will.

In June 1803 Ansel Cunningham drew in the land lottery of Wilkes County, Georgia.

On Feb. 10, 1807 Ansel Cunningham bought 200 acres of land for $850 from Burk Talaifero.

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*This widow could have had her husband's pension transferred to her but did not.

On March 11, 1808 Ansel Cunningham was appointed Commissioner to lay out a road from Drury Stovall's on Clark's Creek to Ben Hubbards on Long Creek.

## RECORDS OF JACKSON COUNTY, GEORGIA

Mar. 26, 1813 Ansel Cunningham of Wilkes County bought 300 acres of land in Jackson County which was advertised for sale by sheriff Wm. Potts. Deed book F. page 46.

Mar. 20, 1813 Ansel Cunningham of Wilkes County bought from Wm. Jacobs of Jackson County 230 acres of land lying on the north Oconee River for the sum of $382.00 cash.

Dec. 5, 1816 between Wm. Potts, Sheriff of Jackson County and Ansel Cunningham of Jackson County contracted for land lying north on Oconee River at Hurricane Shoals. This was advertised for sale and was fairly knocked off to Ansel Cunningham who was the highest bidder. This tract of land contained 230 acres. Deed Book G. page 171.

Nov. 5, 1818 Jesse Smith sold to Ansel Cunningham for $100 cash all that land lying in the county of Jackson on the north fork of Oconee River supposed to contain 100 acres more or less. Deed Book H.

May 13, 1822 John T. Criswell for the sum of $72.50 sold to Ansel Cunningham 300 acres of land.

1822 Whereas a tract of land lying on Hurricane Creek containing 9487 acres lawfully advertised to be sold at the Court House door Feb. 18, 1822. Ansel Cunningham bought a large tract of that land. Deed Book H, page 237.

Jan. 15, 1824 John Wheeler for the sum of 134 dollars sold to Ansel Cunningham a tract of land on Oconee River containing 130 acres.

On April 12, 1825 Sherwood Thompson for the sum of $400 sold to Ansel Cunningham a tract of land containing 187 acres.

May 13, 1813 Thomas Cummings sold to Ansel Cunningham 615 acres of land on Clark's Creek for $1000. Wilkes County Records, Book AAA.

Oct. 5, 1830 between James Hampton of the first part and Ansel Cunningham of the second part. For the sum of $300, paid by Ansel Cunningham for a tract of land above Hurricane Shoals. Deed Book I and J at Jefferson, Georgia.

In 1782 Georgia gave bounty grants of land, 287½ acres and more to officers and to soldiers of the American Revolution to induce them to settle in Georgia. This explains why our ancestors left States like Virginia, North Carolina and Tennessee and came to Jackson County, Georgia where records have been carefully preserved of their activities since 1792.

## ANSEL GRIFFIN CUNNINGHAM AND NARCISSUS VIRGINIA BORDERS

Ansel Griffin Cunningham, son of the Revolutionary soldier, Ansel Cunningham and his wife, Mary, was born in Wilkes County, Georgia, Sept. 1, 1810. He died Oct. 17, 1848 at thirty-eight years of age in Noxubee County, Mississippi. A stone slab covers his grave in the Deerbrook Cemetery. He married Narcissus Virginia Borders, daughter of John Borders and Cynthia Knox, on Oct. 28, 1830. She was born Feb. 5, 1813, in Jackson County, Georgia, joined the Oconee Baptist Church* in 1828 and was baptized by the Rev. Thornton. She died April 15, 1889, at their home at Choccolocco, Alabama, and is buried there. Children from this union were:

1. Mary Ann Elizabeth Cunningham, born Dec. 8, 1831, married Anderson Bush, of Oxford, Alabama, Dec. 1851.

2. John Borders Cunningham, born Oct. 9, 1833, in Jackson County, Georgia. He married Malinda Clayton Gibson, of Fayetteville, Tennessee, May 19, 1862.

3. Henry Clay Cunningham, born Feb. 18, 1844. He carried the flag for the 10th Alabama Regiment in the War Between the States. He married Emmie V. Martin of White Plains, Alabama, Jan. 13, 1874. They moved to Arkansas where they made their home. They have one son, Charles.

4. Victoria Cunningham, born Sept. 25, 1837; married Capt. W. H. May, of Lexington, Kentucky, Oct. 3, 1865.

5. Serena Adaline Cunningham, born Sept. 22, 1835; married Asa Allen, of DeArmanville, Alabama, a Baptist preacher, on June 20, 1852. They had three children.

6. Samuel Knox Cunningham, born Feb. 5, 1846; married Anna Allen, of Glenn, Georgia, July 20, 1879.

7. Cynthia Virginia Cunningham, born Nov. 17, 1841; married David Franklin Shuford, April 14, 1858.

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*The Oconee Baptist Church was built in 1788 in Jackson County, Georgia.

8. Ansel Griffin Cunningham, Jr., born Mar. 20, 1848; married Sallie Ryan in 1871.

I quote from the Early History of Deerbrook, Miss., by Mrs. Della Bush Dupree:

Mr. Ansel Cunningham and Mr. Jarrett Brooks,** from north Alabama, were two of the best citizens Noxubee County ever had. Their wives were sisters, daughters of John Borders of Choccolocco, Alabama. At church the congregation was led in singing by Mr. Cunningham, who soon became known far and wide as the "sweet singer in Israel". His descendants are now among the best citizens in Noxubee County.

## FROM THOMAS RHINE SHUFORD

Shreveport, La., Mar. 22, 1946

Dear Coz. Linda:

I am presuming you never saw our Grand-mother Cunningham's home. It was set in a large grove of tall trees, on a considerable elevation above the surrounding terrain—east, south, west open level lands of plantation fields. To the north about one quarter mile or more were a range of hills far away as the eye could see. This home was situated in the Choccolocco Valley on the river.

Her flower garden was one of few I have seen in all my life, equal to any in old Virginia. It had a walk from the gate through the middle of the garden and another through the middle just across, in one side were continuous flower beds of these walks. In the remainder were narrow walks between the beds which were bedded with twelve inch planks and in them the vegetables were planted. Every fruit that Alabama would grow was on that plantation.

Grand-ma was tall and slender, very gentle with a dignity and grace of the old folks of that age which we rarely see today.

My mother and her three sisters each had a maid and when going visiting or to some social gathering the servants would unroll carpets from the steps down the flowered walk to the waiting carriage. They were all beautiful women.

Our grand-parents had to have a background of centuries to make such as they were, for they could not make themselves in such a short time.

Your cousin, THOMAS RHINE SHUFORD

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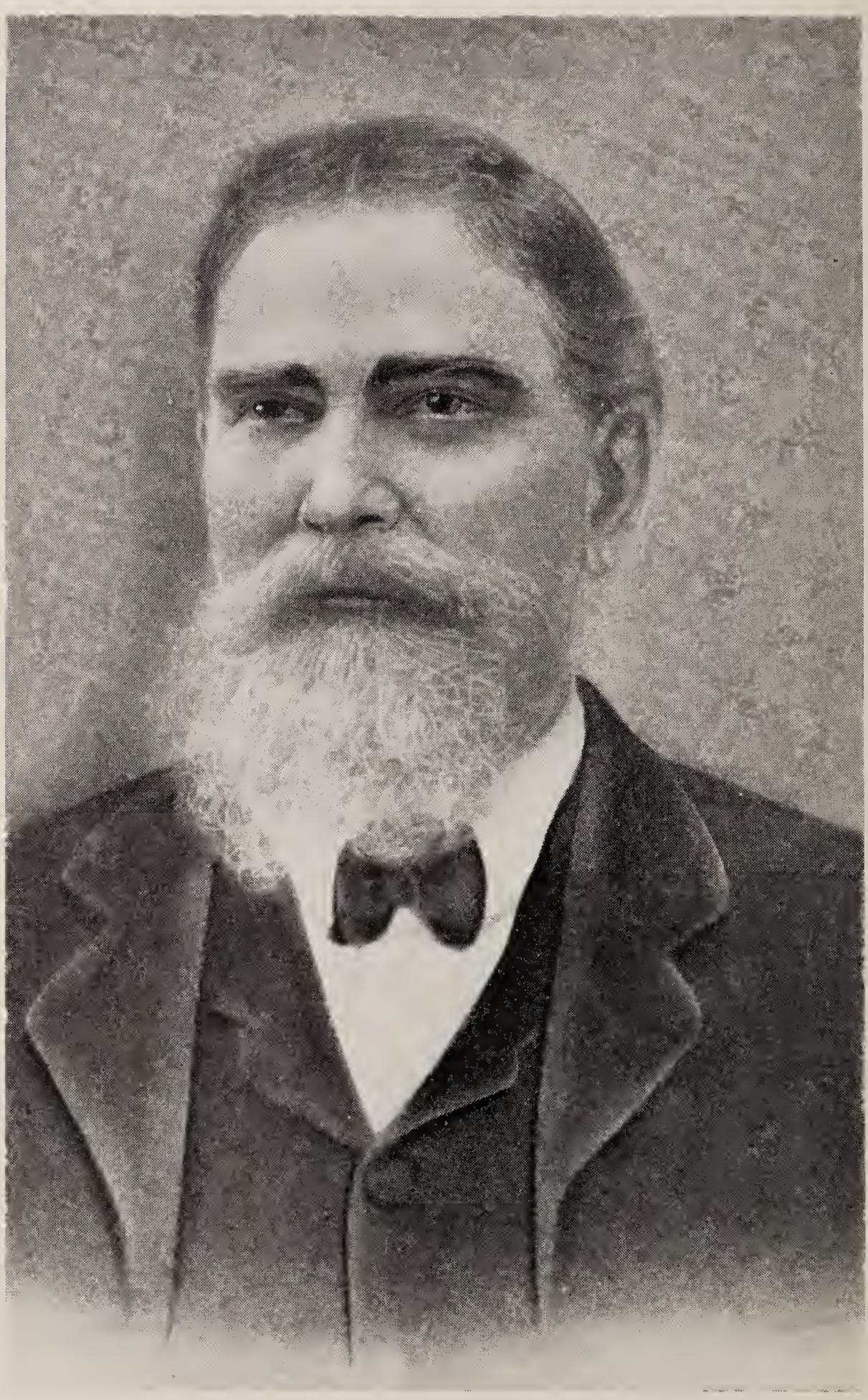
**Brooksville, Miss., is named after Jarrett D. Brooks. Their son, Tom, wrote a book containing all the promises of the Bible. Their daughter, Sallie, married Lat Dupree.

## ANDERSON BUSH AND MARY ANN CUNNINGHAM

Mary Ann Cunningham, born Dec. 8, 1831, daughter of Ansel Griffin Cunningham and Narcissus Virginia Borders. She married Anderson Bush, of Oxford, Alabama. They moved to Noxubee County, Mississippi, and lived at ExPrairie. She and Mrs. John L. Dantzler were girlhood friends and Mrs. Dantzler often remarked: "Mary Ann was very beautiful and as graceful as a fawn."

Mary Ann is buried in the Deerbrook Cemetery. They had five children: Emma, John, Nannie, Gus and Jimmie. Jimmie was accidentally killed at the age of sixteen by a gun shot. He lifted the gun while sitting on the bed and the trigger caught in the cover. John died with a yellow chill in young manhood. Both brothers are buried in the Deerbrook Cemetery.

Emma and Nannie married two brothers by the name of Doby, of the Carolinas.



JOHN BORDERS CUNNINGHAM
Confederate Veteran

# JOHN BORDERS CUNNINGHAM AND MARGARET MALINDA GIBSON

## Cliftonville, Mississippi

John Borders Cunningham, born Oct. 9, 1833, in Jackson County, Georgia, son of Ansel Griffin Cunningham and Narcissus Virginia Borders. His father died in Noxubee County, Mississippi, leaving him the responsibility of his widowed mother and children at the early age of sixteen. They moved back to Choccolocco, Alabama, and occupied a home near that of his mother's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Borders.

On May 19, 1862, he married Margaret Malinda Gibson, born Dec. 22, 1843, at Fayetteville, Tennessee, daughter of Felix G. Gibson and Minerva Clayton. She was a devout Presbyterian and in early womanhood was gloriously converted while attending services at the old Harmony Church which was built by John Borders at Choccolocco, Alabama. This joyous experience lasted her through life. She died at their home at Cliftonville, Mississippi, Nov. 23, 1895.

After the War Between the States they moved to Noxubee County, Mississippi, and bought 900 acres of black prairie land and established a home. He became the largest live stock raiser in the county and had quite a large bee industry. He and a neighbor, George Hummer, shipped a solid car-load of comb honey, the first and only car that has been shipped from that section. At the St. Louis Fair in 1904 John Cunningham's honey won first prize. He died Aug. 7, 1912, at the Turo Infirmary in New Orleans, where he went for a gall bladder operation. He and his wife are buried in the Deerbrook Cemetery and the graves are well marked. Children from this union were:

1. John Borders Cunningham, Jr., born Mar. 21, 1863; died Oct. 1, 1883, at the early age of twenty with typhoid fever. He was a very handsome young man, ambitious, with a bright future. He attended Eastman College, Poughkeepsie, New York, and was working at the time of his death in Lexington, Kentucky. He died at the home of his aunt, Mrs. W. H. May.

2. Serena Adaline Cunningham, born July 3, 1865.

3. George William Cunningham, born Mar. 6, 1867.
4. Ansel Griffin Cunningham, born Apr. 13, 1869; died Mar. 6, 1873.
5. An infant boy, died May, 1871.
6. Narcissus Virginia Cunningham (prefers birth not given).
7. James Felix Cunningham, born 1874; died 1875.
8. Samuel Knox Cunningham, born Mar. 14, 1876.
9. Augustus Bush Cunningham, born May 7, 1878.
10. Margaret Malinda Cunningham, born Jan. 27, 1881 (the author).

## MILITARY RECORD OF JOHN BORDERS CUNNINGHAM

### Confederate Veteran

John Borders Cunningham spent four years in the War Between the States. He enjoyed talking about it and telling of amusing things that happened. He often remarked that he would like to go through with it again. Once he was very hungry, not having had any food for two days, when he rode up to the window of a small cottage and asked for something to eat. The lady, with apology, offered him some buttermilk and bread as that was all that she had. He ate while sitting on his horse, and he often remarked that was the best meal he had ever eaten.

One day I asked my father to relate his experiences in the War. It is well that I asked for this, else we would have been denied this part of his record. These are the things he told me:

"On June 4, 1861 I enlisted in Co. H. 10th Alabama Regiment. My first battle was that of Bull Run under Gen. Kirby-Smith. We then went to Yorktown and skirmished from there to Richmond, Virginia where we had a seven days battle in Gen. Wilcox's brigade. I was wounded in the hip and was released from the army. While at my home at Choccolocco, Ala., one Sunday morning at church I was introduced to Margaret Malinda Gibson who was visiting there from Fayetteville, Tenn. We were married within three weeks time.

"When I returned to service I joined Morgan's Cavalry going to Nashville, Tenn. to Murfreesboro, Lookout Mountain and to Missionary Ridge.

At Murfreesboro my horse was shot from under me but I was fortunate in catching one belonging to the enemy and escaped.

"Retreating to Dalton, Georgia another fight ensued, then we continued on to Atlanta from there to Savannah in front of Sherman. Then to Raleigh, N. C., where there was a big skirmish during which two of our best men were killed: Caldwell and Ross.

"Both Gen. Wheeler and Gen. Morgan offered to make me an officer but I refused by saying I preferred to stay with the boys. At the beginning of the War I was Forage Master but after I joined the Cavalry I became Captain of Scouts with several men under me. At the close of the war in 1865 I was discharged at Talladega, Alabama."

While we were living at Valdosta, Georgia, I joined the United Daughters of the Confederacy on this record and had Major Morgan to sign my papers, which accounts for the following letter from him:

## FROM MAJOR SAMUEL MORGAN

Lexington, Ky.
March 23, 1914.

To:
Mrs. J. A. Ewing
Valdosta, Ga.

Dear Mrs. Ewing,

Your letter of recent date received and noted. Enclosed I hand you back the qualification for membership which I am glad to be able to be of service to you. John, your father, John B. Cunningham was a member of the same company that I was and I can say for him there was not a better soldier in the command for he was not only a good soldier but a good man in every respect and I have known him from boyhood as we were boys together. Anything I can do for you command me.

Believe me,
Yours truly,
(Major) Samuel Morgan

## A FINE APPRECIATION
## OF JOHN BORDERS CUNNINGHAM
by his friend, Emmet Cavett (Aug. 1912)

John B. Cunningham was born Oct. 9, 1833 in Jackson County, Georgia, but moved to Noxubee County when quite young. His father died when he was only sixteen years of age, and the care of the family fell on him and he was a father indeed to all his brothers and sisters as long as he lived. In

May 1862 he married Miss Linda Gibson of Tennessee, who for thirty years was a beloved companion & aided him very materially in building up a splendid estate. This union was blessed with seven children who lived to be grown. The oldest son, John, died just about the time he arrived at the age of manhood. He was bright and handsome and no doubt would have reflected honor on his parents had he lived.

He left three daughters, Addie, wife of our sheriff, Emmet Dantzler, Mrs. Jennie Patty and Linda now Mrs. John A. Ewing. Three sons: Will, Sam and Gus. All good and substantial citizens and an honer to the county and the parents who reared them so well. His first wife died in 1895 and as all of his children were nearly grown and feeling the need of a companion, in Mar. 1897 he married Mrs. Mattie Dantzler who added greatly to his comfort and pleasure.

He leaves also, two brothers, Sam and Ansel G. Cunningham, both of this county & 2 sisters, Mrs. W. H. May of Lexington, Ky. & Mrs. David F. Shuford of Oxford, Ala. After his father died his mother removed to Choccolocco, Ala., and was living there when the war came on and he joined the tenth Ala. Cavalry Regiment and served throughout the war under Gen. Forrest. I never heard John Cunningham boast of his war record, but all who knew him, know that he made a good and faithful soldier, a cheerful companion & beloved mess-mate. He was one of the most kind hearted, most generous men I ever knew. For forty years he was my friend, and during the whole of that time nothing ever marred our friendship.

Some thirty years ago I moved in the Cliftonville neighborhood and that year we built a little church and named it New Bethel and John was a Charter member and up to his death gave it his liberal support. It was a union church and John was as loyal to one branch as to the other. Our minister, Rev. J. L. Cooper, said he could always count on Sister Cavett and Bro. John Cunningham attending services. He is about the last of the men who organized this little church, which has done so much for that neighborhood, and he will be sadly missed by its members. For years the neighborhood had made him magistrate and he settled all disputes between white and black. All were his friends and none were ever turned away from his hospitable home empty handed.

He was a true philosopher. He never complained of anything that he could not help. He taught us how to live & enjoy life. Always cheerful, ever optomistic. He brought sunshine where-ever he went. Having reared a family and having a competency he delighted in entertaining his friends and induling in the old southern sport of "riding to the hounds." Altho he was nearly eighty years of age, he rode after the hounds like a young man.

He moved back to Noxubee County in 1869 and was here to join us in helping to rid the county of carpet bag rule in 1875. He took a great interest in politics and in helping to elect his friends to any office they might aspire to, but never sought any position for himself. He was very fond of little chil-

dren, & I have often told him that he made my little grand-children love him better than they did me. I do not remember every seeing John blue or dispirited. Cheerful always he lived as a man ought to live, trusting in God and loving his fellow man. He was not only happy himself but made all he came in contact with hopeful and cheerful.

There was no room in his great sunny heart for malice or envy. He wanted to live for he had a great deal to live for: A good loving wife, honorable, dutiful children, devoted brothers and a host of friends. I know of not one that got more out of life than he did. But the death angel found him ready and he went to his long home without a murmur. He was blessed with a long life, but he lived so gloriously and so well that he died all too soon.

## EMMET E. DANTZLER AND SERENA ADALINE CUNNINGHAM

### Macon, Mississippi

Serena Adaline Cunningham, born July 3, 1865, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Borders Cunningham of Cliftonville, Mississippi. She attended the county schools and Buck Institute, Macon, Mississippi. Early in her teens she was in demand as a singer, having a beautiful soprano voice. On Dec. 20, 1885 she married Emmet Eugene Dantzler, of Noxubee County, where he was born Oct. 16, 1859, son of John L. Dantzler and wife, Ann Gholson. He served as Sheriff for eight years and made an excellent record as an officer. He died at their home in Macon, Mississippi, Oct. 12, 1944.

Their only child, Leslie, died at the early age of twenty from appendicitis, leaving a heartbroken family. After his death, his mother spent much of her time at the Cemetery and seeing the need of a Cemetery Association, she organized one about the year 1906. A citizen remarked:

"No one in our midst who ever saw the cemetery before Mrs. Dantzler began her work can possibly fail to appreciate her efforts and from a lonely, neglected and unkept spot where weeds ran wild it has become arrestingly beautiful. Hedges of roses, crepe myrtles, syringas, and red bud, together with evergreens and beautiful old trees enhance the beauty. After 39 years she still serves as the first president."

I wish to use a part of an article published in the Meridian Star, Meridian, Mississippi.

### NEARLY BLIND BUT EFFICIENT—A BIBLE STUDENT

Macon, Miss., Dec. 12.—The Wesley Gleaners Class, which is at present composed of fifty-eight members, has been a great factor for good in the town, doing extensive social service work.

As teacher of this class, Mrs. Emmet Dantzler, who has held the position for a number of years, had done much to make it the strong organization that it now stands. Mrs. Dantzler deserves more than praise for the work she has done for she is almost entirely bereft of vision, being able only to distinguish light and seeing all around her as outlines, having no power to recognize any person or thing through the sense of sight. She is however wonderfully keen at distinguishing sounds and recognizing voices. Her

study of the Sunday School lessons is done with the aid of the blind literature, as far as this goes, and the supplemental help of her husband in reading the lesson texts to her. She is a great Bible student and does wonderful work as a teacher. The class year after year re-elects her to the position of teacher feeling that no one else can so well fill the important place. Leading a life of entire consecration and humble adherence to duty, she is an inspiration to those who sit under her instruction each Sunday.

## GEORGE WILLIAM CUNNINGHAM AND RUTH HAMBRICK

Brooksville, Mississippi

Will Cunningham, born Mar. 6, 1867, son of John Borders Cunningham and Margaret Malinda Gibson. He attended the county schools and Clinton College. On Jan. 28, 1908 he married Elizabeth Ruth Hambrick, born Aug. 13, 1883, daughter of Joseph Samuel Hambrick and wife, Aramenta Coen, of Bigbee Valley, Mississippi. Ruth attended the county schools and Tuscaloosa Female College in Alabama and later taught school in Brooksville, Mississippi. They have a lovely home furnished mostly with antiques. Will Cunningham died Nov. 8, 1918, and is buried in the cemetery at Brooksville. Their children are:

1. John Borders Cunningham, born Nov. 15, 1908. He graduated from Webbs School and from Vanderbilt University at Nashville, Tennessee. He was a Phi Beta Kappa and graduated Magna Cum Laude. He studied business administration at Harvard University and then returned home to take charge of his father's estate, which consisted of more than ten thousand acres of land, besides mercantile and other interests. John Borders is on the Board of Directors of the Bank of Brooksville, filling the place that his father held as one of the original directors. He is recognized for his unusual business ability. On Feb. 10, 1934, he married Allie Watkins, born Feb. 2, 1911, daughter of William B. Watkins and Allie Estelle McCluney, of Aberdeen, Mississippi. She is a graduate of Ward-Belmont, at Nashville, Tennessee. Their children are:

   a. John Borders Cunningham, Jr., born July 25, 1935.

   b. Wm. Watkins Cunningham, born Sept. 5, 1941.

   c. Robert Allen Cunningham, born Feb. 3, 1946.

2. George William Cunningham, II, born Aug. 28, 1910. He graduated from Webbs School, at Bell Buckle, Tennessee, and from Vanderbilt University. William started work with the International Shoe Company, of St. Louis, Missouri, immediately after graduating from Vanderbilt University. After several years with them he went with the J. C. Penney Company as a junior purchasing agent. In August, 1944, he was granted a commis-

sion as Lieut. (j.g.) in the United States Navy and was stationed in Philadelphia with the purchasing division of the Naval Aviation Supply Depot.

On May 1, 1937, he married Christine Remick Siegmund, born Feb. 7, 1914, daughter of Col. Walter F. Siegmund and wife, Christine Remick, of St. Louis, Missouri. She is a graduate of Washington University, of Missouri. They live in West Orange, N. J., where they have bought a lovely home. Their children are:

a. George William Cunningham, 3rd, born Dec. 20, 1938.

b. Thomas Knox Cunningham, born Mar. 13, 1942.

3. Addie Cunningham, born Mar. 15, 1912. She graduated at Randolph-Macon, Lynchburg, Virginia, with an A.B. Degree. On Aug. 18, 1936, she married Thomas Barnett Strong, born Oct. 17, 1910, son of Charles Strong and wife, Susie Merriwether, of Macon, Mississippi. He is a graduate of the University of Mississippi. They live at Selma, Ala. They have two children:

   a. Charles Barnett Strong, born Mar. 15, 1940.

   b. Pattie Clifford Strong, born Dec. 15, 1945, at Brooksville, Mississippi.

4. Ruth Cunningham, born Jan. 6, 1914. She attended school at Sophie Newcomb, in New Orleans, and later the University of Texas. In April, 1941, she married William Russell Brown, born July 5, 1915, son of Horace Brown and wife, Alleen Blackburn, of Holly Springs, Mississippi. He graduated from the University of Texas with honors in both law and academic school. At present he is a Lieutenant (j.g.) in the Navy. Their home is in Houston, Texas, where he is a lawyer. They have one child:

   a. Elizabeth Ruth Brown, born Nov. 23, 1943.

5. Sarah Cunningham, born July 19, 1916. She is a graduate of All Saints, at Vicksburg, Mississippi, and attended Randolph-Macon, Lynchburg, Virginia. On Oct. 9, 1937, she married Douglas Maxwell Bramlette, born Jan. 7, 1911, son of David Clay Bramlette and wife, Douglas Maxwell, of Woodville, Mississippi. Maxwell is a graduate of Webb's School and of Prince-

ton University. He is a prominent lawyer, has served two terms in the Mississippi State Senate and has served on several important committees. Their children are:

a. David Clay, born Nov. 27, 1939.

b. Sara Knox, born Dec. 28, 1942.

6. Martha Cunningham, born July 19, 1916. She is a graduate of All Saints College and attended Randolph-Macon, at Lynchburg, Virginia. On Oct. 30, 1937, she married Frank Edward Walters, born at Natchez, Mississippi. He received his degree from the University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee. He is an Episcopal Minister and is now Rector of St. Mark's Church, Shreveport, Louisiana. No children.

## SAD DEATH OF MR. WILL CUNNINGHAM

by Emmet D. Cavett, Nov. 18, 1918

Friday evening the whole country was inexpressibly shocked when the sad news was told over the phone that Will Cunningham had been instantly killed in an accident about seven o'clock, on his way home to Brooksville from one of his plantations.

He was strong, vigorous, and in the prime of life, engaged in business of all kinds, and his sudden death seemed to our finite minds so untimely that we could scarcely believe that his useful life could be so quickly ended. Truly no one knows the day nor the hour when we will be called from this life. Kind friends soon reached the place where the accident occurred and bore his body to the beloved home that he had left that morning full of life and vigor.

Will Cunningham was the most remarkable business man that Noxubee County had produced. He had only a High School education, no business training whatever, but in his short life had massed quite a fortune, his estate being about a quarter of a million. Still I told some of his loved-ones that this was the least part of what he left behind. For he left a record of loving his fellowman. At the time of his death, no one in business was in touch with as many men in our county as Will Cunningham. No man who was honest and worthy, ever came to him for assistance and was turned away. He had rare judgment, and his trust was rarely ever betrayed.

He commenced business at Bigbee Valley in 1889 when only twenty-two years of age with scarcely any capitol. He was devoted to his entire family, and I remember well that on one occasion he left his business and went to Clinton and stayed a week with a sick nephew. It could be said of him, as of Abou Ben Adham, he loved his fellow man and what greater tribute could

be paid a man than that. He was very patriotic and was active in all the drives for Liberty Loan, Red Cross and Y. M. C. A., never too busy to give his time and money for these worthy causes.

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He married in Brooksville, Jan. 28, 1908 to Miss Ruth Hambrick and she was a help-meet to him, indeed, and made his home a haven of rest to him, and he was never happier than when there with his devoted wife and dear children of whom he was justly proud. This union was blessed with six children: John Borders, George William, Addie, Ruth, Martha and Sarah. Two brothers, Sam and Gus, and three sisters, Mrs. Addie Dantzler, Mrs. Linda C. Ewing, and Mrs. Virginia Patty survive him to mourn his loss.

He was a member of the Episcopal Church, being confirmed in that faith Feb. 2, 1913 and his pastor, Rev. Waddell, preached the funeral services at the house, and as he was a Mason of high degree, that honored body concluded the services at the grave. The Sunday he was buried was a beautiful day, and an immense crowd gathered to pay honor to his memory, and the square was almost covered with beautiful floral emblems, giving mute and eloquent testimony of the love of his friends.

Thus passed away a man who without much pretense to religion, lived the Christ life ready at all times to aid his fellow man, or to assist in any good cause for the benefit of his county and state. Genial, handsome, big hearted and an optimist by inheritance and practice, he carried sunshine wherever he went, and he will be sadly missed by not only his loved ones, but by numbers of friends and also, the colored people in his employ, who were devoted to him for they knew he was their friend. After his father's death, he took his old servant, Bunk, to Brooksville to care for him as long as he lived. Cut down in the prime of life, in full flush of his manhood, successful in all of his undertakings, what might we have expected of him had he lived to the full fruition of his life. It must be a great comfort to his wife and his loved ones to know that nothing but words of praise have ever been said of him and he left his children the proud heritage of the record of a useful life well spent in the service of his fellowmen.

It has been said that it is not how long we live but how well. Judging by this standard, Will Cunningham's life was a glorious one.

## CARR MEYSENBURG AND VIRGINIA CUNNINGHAM

### Houston, Texas

The following article was written by Mrs. Nora Lawrence Smith, Editor of the *Wiregrass Farmer*, Ashburn, Georgia. Mrs. Carr Meysenburg was Virginia Cunningham, of Cliftonville, Mississippi, who married Carr Meysenburg June 11, 1927, at Houston, Texas:

Mrs. R. C. Meysenburg, of Houston, Texas, is among the interesting Fourth of July visitors here this week, the guest of her sister, Mrs. John A. Ewing. She made the trip here by auto. Mrs. Meysenburg is most gracious, has a charming personality and is noted for her versatile interests. It was our pleasure to meet her in 1928 while attending the Democratic Convention in Houston, Texas, and it was a pleasure to renew this acquaintance again this week. Houston is noted for its beautiful gardens, being rightly named the "Garden City of the Southwest." The women have played a big part in making beauty in this fast growing, cultured city. Many garden clubs have planned and executed the beauty of the city of Houston. Mrs. Meysenburg has been one of the leaders in this garden work. Her home and gardens are among the show places of Houston. She and her husband were not only the architects but landscaped the grounds that surrounded the home. The Garden Club of America met this Spring in Houston and Mrs. Meysenburg took a leading part in this, being chairman of the horticultural exhibit. Her home and gardens was among those visited by the delegates to this convention. She served a luncheon to all the visitors, that captivated them. Mrs. Meysenburg is also an artist of note as well as a splendid speaker and lecturer on flowers and gardens and it is hoped her next visit will come at some season beside the Summer when the different women's organizations are meeting and can hear her talk and catch her inspiration and love for flowers and gardens.

## WESTERN ARTIST WAS BORN NEAR BROOKSVILLE, MISSISSIPPI

### From the *Macon Beacon*, Macon, Mississippi

Mrs. R. C. Meysenburg, noted artist of Houston, Texas, and one of the best known still life artists of the west, is a native of Noxubee County.

She was formerly Virginia Cunningham and left Brooksville for New York City in 1905.

Her talents in art were given wide acclaim soon after reaching her destination. Advancing rapidly as an instructress she taught successfully in Boston Trade School, and School of Dramatic Arts in Chicago. During her teaching career in the Chicago school she matriculated in Bush Conservatory of Music and majored in the College of Fine Arts and French.

In the summer of 1914, Mrs. Meysenburg journeyed to France, and studied under Ecole Gueere, of Paris, receiving a diploma. She then returned to her original Teachers College, and in 1920 was called to the University of Washington. She later accepted a position in Western Reserve University, Cleveland, and was an instructor for two years in the Household Administrative Department of that school. Through consistent effort while teaching, Mrs. Meysenburg obtained her B. S. Degree at Teacher's College, Columbia University.

Mrs. Meysenburg is at present Assistant Professor in the Home Economics Department at the University of Chicago. She is, in addition, a teacher of note. Her book, "Hats and How to Make Them" was published by Rand, McNally, of Chicago, and is used as a text book in a number of Universities and Colleges. An example of Mrs. Meysenburg's still life artistry was pictured in an issue of the Houston, Texas *Chronicle* which, on Jan. 10 of this year, published a rotogravure reproduction of her painting, which had previously been awarded first prize in the Garden Clubs Exhibit in New York City in 1936. The following article comes from the *Houston Press* of Mar. 12, 1935:

A Houston artist, Wednesday, was awarded first prize for flower painting in a national exhibition of painting sponsored by the Garden Clubs of America at the Arden Gallery in New York. The artist is Mrs. R. C. Meysenburg, of 5401 Caroline street, whose work has been exhibited here on a number of occasions.

## SAMUEL KNOX CUNNINGHAM AND MAUDE COOPER

### Brooksville, Mississippi

Samuel Knox Cunningham, born Mar. 14, 1876, at Cliftonville, Mississippi, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Borders Cunningham. He attended the county schools and A. M. College at Starksville, Mississippi. On Apr. 4, 1900 he married Maude Cooper, daughter of Albin Hugh Cooper and Eppie Wallis, of Mobile, Alabama. She died June 6, 1924 and was buried at Macon, Mississippi. Their children are:

1. Eppie, born at Brooksville; married Blum Triplett, of Brooksville, Mississippi. He is a very successful business man having interests in Brooksville, Macon and Louisville, Mississippi. Eppie is very energetic and enjoys the business world. She at one time was the only woman in the United States who owned and operated her own saw-mill.

2. Maude, born 1902; died 1904.

3. Wm. Knox Cunningham, born Aug. 13, 1904 and is a very handsome young man.

4. Linda Cunningham, born Nov. 7, 1907. She received her B.S. Degree from the Mississippi Southern College, at Hattiesburg, and did graduate work toward her Master's at the University of Alabama. On June 12, 1934 she married Henry L. Sparkman, who was born Sept. 3, 1907 at Cooksville, Mississippi, the son of Jesse Roderick Sparkman and wife, Lula Gray. Henry graduated from Mississippi State College at Starksville, and received many honors while a student there. He served as County Superintendent of Noxubee County for eight years. This fine couple makes their home at Macon, Mississippi, among a host of friends.

## AUGUSTUS BUSH CUNNINGHAM AND MATTYE RHODES

### Cliftonville, Mississippi

Gus, as he is lovingly called, was born May 7, 1878, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Borders Cunningham. He attended the county schools and A. and M. College at Starksville, Mississippi. He made a splendid record while a student there. On Nov. 22, 1924 he married Mattye Rhodes, of Ashburn, Georgia, who at that time was holding a responsible position with the Citizen's Bank and was the efficient president of a large Sunday School class.

This popular couple lives at the old Cunningham home at Cliftonville where true hospitality reigns. The Cunningham family reunions are often held there and what elaborate, sumptuous meals are served. They are both workers in the old New Bethel Church and take part in all civic affairs. They have a store in connection with the farm, and Mattye is postmistress.

## JOHN ALLEN EWING AND MARGARET MALINDA CUNNINGHAM

### Ashburn, Georgia

John Allen Ewing was a native of North Carolina, born in Montgomery County, Mar. 28, 1862. His father was Daniel Isaac Ewing, a pioneer turpentine operator, and his mother was Lydia Ann McAskill.

In 1887, Mr. Ewing came to Georgia and began business for himself as a turpentine operator. After successful operations in this State he removed to Lumberton, Mississippi, where he actively engaged in business on a very large scale and accumulated a fortune. While residing at Lumberton he met and married Margaret Malinda Cunningham, of Cliftonville, Mississippi, who at that time was director of music in the Public School at Lumberton, Mississippi. They married Apr. 4, 1905, at her father's home.

His extensive turpentine interests made it necessary for him to move to Jacksonville, Florida, where he resided for several years. In 1911, he came back to Georgia, holding large turpentine interests in Valdosta and Turner County. He moved to Ashburn, Georgia, in 1918. He was rated as the best turpentine operator in the South, and was nick-named "Silver-king."

For several years he served as Steward in the Ashburn Methodist Church. He was a 32nd Degree Mason. In politics he was a loyal Democrat.

Mr. Ewing enjoyed giving handsome gifts to people he loved. He gave to his wife a gorgeous necklace containing a diamond eight and one-sixteenth karats. At that time there were only four that large in the United States. He was a devoted husband and father. He died May 16, 1939, at his home in Ashburn, Georgia, and is buried in Rose Hill Cemetery. A handsome slab covers his grave. Their children are:

1. Adylein Ewing, born Dec. 28, 1906, in Jacksonville, Florida.
2. John Allen Ewing, 2nd, born Dec. 19, 1908, at Pensacola, Fla.
3. Linda May Ewing, born Mar. 21, 1911, at Jacksonville, Florida.

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Mr. Ewing's life and achievements are written up in the Makers of America, Volume 3, published under the patronage of the Florida Historical Society in 1909.

## JOHN ALLEN EWING, 2ND, AND PARDEE GREER

Ashburn, Georgia

John Allen Ewing, II, son of John Allen Ewing and Margaret Malinda Cunningham, was born Dec. 19, 1908, at Pensacola, Florida, where his father had accepted the presidency of the J. R. Saunders Company. He graduated from the Ashburn High School, attended Asbury College at Wilmore, Kentucky, and the Georgia-Alabama Business College at Macon, Georgia. He loved adventure and when eighteen years of age he shipped out of Norfolk, Virginia, on the S. S. Ossining, docking at different ports of the Mediterranean. It required sixty days to make the round trip.

On Jan. 2, 1941, he married Margaret Pardee Greer, of Valdosta, Georgia, daughter of Lloyd Greer and wife, Julie Winn Varnedoe. She was born Nov. 1, 1918. She graduated from G. S. W. College at Valdosta, Georgia, and taught mathematics in High School before marrying. She joined the Daughters of the American Revolution through John Winn, Sr., a member of Provincial Congress. She has other lines of ancestry that I have been unable to get. She was brought up in the Presbyterian Church but has joined the Ashburn Methodist Church with her husband. Their children are:

1. Julie Virginia Ewing, born Oct. 1, 1941.
2. John Allen Ewing, III, born Jan. 12, 1943.
3. Lloyd Greer Ewing, born Mar. 13, 1945.

John Ewing, 2nd, is an active Mason and a Shriner. He entered the automobile business early in life and is a successful young man. He has boundless energy, foresight, versatile talents and a knack of getting along with people. His popularity was shown when he was persuaded to enter the race for Councilman of Ashburn and was elected, leading the ticket, Dec. 6, 1945. Those who know John predict future honors for him.

(Signed) NORA LAWRENCE SMITH

Editor, *Wiregrass Farmer*, Ashburn, Ga.

Feb. 15, 1946.

# PARDEE GREER EWING

Original line of John Winn, Sr., for membership in Daughters of the American Revolution.

Pardee Greer Ewing is the daughter of

Lloyd Greer, born Aug. 6, 1885, at Iron City, Alabama, and his wife, Julie Winn Varnedoe, born Mar. 28, 1895, at Valdosta, Georgia. They married Nov. 30, 1916.

Julie Winn Varnedoe was the daughter of

Samuel McWhir Varnedoe, born Dec. 10, 1868. He died at Valdosta, Georgia, Mar. 14, 1915. His wife, Maggie Pardee, was born June 27, 1870, and married Feb. 7, 1893.

Samuel McWhir Varnedoe was the son of

Charles Carroll Varnedoe, born Aug. 15, 1843, died Aug. 17, 1920, at Valdosta, Georgia. His wife, Mary Osgood Winn, born Jan. 29, 1846, died Feb. 3, 1936. They married Jan. 9, 1867.

Mary Osgood Winn was the daughter of

Abial Winn, born Mar. 8, 1814; died Oct. 16, 1874. His wife, Louisa V. Ward, born Sept. 2, 1818; died Apr. 3, 1892. They married Mar. 17, 1838.

Abial Winn was the son of

Peter Farley Winn, born Dec. 5, 1786, and his wife, Mary Fleming Osgood, died Dec. 18, 1818. They married May 3, 1810.

Peter Farley Winn was the son of

Peter Winn, born Dec. 25, 1750; died Feb. 26, 1824. His wife, Mary Farley, died Dec. 8, 1786. They married Jan. 7, 1777.

Peter Winn was the son of

John Winn, Sr., born 1720 in South Carolina. He died Feb. 8, 1781, in Liberty County, Georgia. His wife, Sarah Ann Duval, died 1761.

John Winn, Sr., was a member of Provincial Congress. His name was sent to King George as "a Rebel accused of high treason."

## CAPT. ROBERT W. KNOX AND LINDA MAY EWING

Houston, Texas

Capt. Robert W. Knox, born Nov. 8, 1895, in Houston, Texas, the son of Dr. Robert White Knox, who was the son of David Knox and Martha Maxwell, of Danville, Kentucky. Dr. Knox was born Nov. 21, 1859, and became chief surgeon for the Southern Pacific Railway. He married Pearl Wallis, daughter of Joseph E. Wallis and wife, Sarah Catherine Landes, of Galveston, Texas. She was born June 23, 1871, and is related to David Crockett, hero of the Alamo.

Captain Knox is prominently identified with the business and civic life of Houston. He is a graduate of Cornell University and has traveled extensively. He volunteered for service in the First World War and was Captain of Artillery. In World War Two he served as Captain of Military Police.

On Nov. 4, 1942, he married Linda May Ewing, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Ewing, of Ashburn, Georgia. She was born at their residence in Riverside, Jacksonville, Florida, Mar. 21, 1911. She graduated from the Ashburn Public School, obtained her B.S. Degree at G. S. C. W., Milledgeville, Georgia, and her Degree in Music from Asbury College, Kentucky. Linda is blessed with a God-given talent in music. She plays the pipe-organ with unusual ability, having given several concerts. She was a precocious child. At the age of two years she memorized the poem, "Children's Hour," by Longfellow, just by hearing others repeat it. Her mother was her first piano teacher. A gift of a Steinway grand piano from Mrs. Knox to Linda has given added inspiration to her musical ability. She is now an active member of the Houston Music Club and will play four numbers of Schumann's Carnival Suite at the Oct. 1946 meeting.

The following article was taken from the *Wiregrass Farmer*, Mar. 22, 1930:

"Mrs. John A. Ewing and son, John Ewing, left yesterday for Wilmore, Kentucky, to attend a recital given by Miss Linda May Ewing on the pipe-organ. Miss Ewing, who is particularly gifted as a musician, received her degree last spring in piano. This year she is finishing on the pipe-organ."

## OTIS DANIEL BLAKE AND ADYLEIN EWING

### Griffin, Georgia

Otis Daniel Blake, born June 4, 1897, in Griffin, Georgia, son of Andrew Stewart Blake and wife, Mattie (Birdie) Daniel. He is a graduate of Griffin High School and of Eastman Business College, Poughkeepsie, New York. He gained valuable business experience under his father and at the early age of sixteen was sent to St. Louis on his own to select and buy a car-load of mules for his father. And too, at this early age he had so completely won his father's confidence that he was permitted to check on and share his father's bank account. Today, he operates the largest and most successful live stock business in that part of the state, in addition to a large real estate business.

On his twenty-first birthday he volunteered for service in World War One, joining the United States Marine Corps. Later he joined the 6th Regiment of Marines and served in this country and in France until freedom was declared.

As a native and prominent business leader of his community, Mr. Blake takes a keen and active interest in social and civic affairs and is identified with several organizations, having served two years as president of the Rotary Club. At one time he was president of the Chamber of Commerce of Griffin, also treasurer and for twenty years served as a member of the Board of Directors. At present he is one of eight men on the Board of Control of the Griffin Hospital. Since the year 1924 he has served as Deacon in the First Baptist Church, serving on the Executive Board. At present he is chairman of the building and grounds committee of the First Baptist Church.

On June 1st, 1932, he married Miss Adylein Ewing, of Ashburn, Georgia, who had been teaching in the public schools of Griffin. She was born in Jacksonville, Florida, daughter of John Allen Ewing and wife, Margaret Malinda Cunningham. She and her brother joined the Methodist Church at Valdosta, Georgia, when she was seven years of age. Adylein was converted at twelve years of age while attending a service in the Tabernacle at Ashburn, Georgia. She is a graduate of the Ashburn High School, attended Wesleyan College and has her A.B. Degree from Asbury College, Wilmore, Kentucky. She has identified herself with the civic and social life of

RESIDENCE OF MR. AND MRS. OTIS D. BLAKE
Griffin, Georgia (1946)

Griffin, having joined the First Baptist Church with her husband shortly after their marriage. She is an active member of the Missionary Society, of the W. C. T. U., and for several years has been superintendent of the Cradle Roll of the three and four year old department. She is a member of the Pulaski Chapter, D. A. R., having been treasurer. She served four years as treasurer of the Third Ward P. T. A. and of the Wisteria Garden Club. She is a charter member of the Iris Society and is an honorary member of the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority. Recently an article published in the *Atlanta Journal* describing the Annual Flower Show in Griffin said in part: "Mrs. Otis Blake walked away with six of the blue ribbons on flower arrangements." There was an accredited judge.

At a course on flower arrangements conducted in Griffin, Ga. (1946) Adylein won first prize on the two arrangements she was required to bring. This course, accredited by the Garden Clubs of America, means five points toward an accredited national judgeship.

This couple has a beautiful home and many gorgeous plants and flowers. Mrs. Blake has a rare gift in flower arrangement and of making her home beautiful and attractive. Their children are:

1. Otis Daniel Blake, Jr., born July 9, 1933. He stands well in school, is an active Cub Scout and a loyal member of the Baptist Church, which he joined on Mother's Day when nine years of age.
2. Andrew Ewing Blake was born May 30, 1935. He also is making good reports in school and is a Cub Scout.

Both of these boys are expert shots with a rifle. Since early childhood they have ridden their ponies and are now splendid riders and confident in the handling of a horse. Both are excellent swimmers.

## FROM THE GRIFFIN NEWS

July 17, 1941—Otis Blake, of Griffin, was recently appointed a member of the State Rotary Club's Council. Blake was appointed by Guy Wells, of Milledgeville, then state governor of Rotary International.

## THE JOHN BLAKE FAMILY

Otis Daniel Blake is the son of Andrew Stewart Blake, born Dec. 28, 1873, in Griffin, Georgia; died Jan. 3, 1924, and of Birdie Daniel, born Nov. 23, 1873, at McDonough, Georgia; died Apr. 9, 1925. Married June 10, 1896. Both are buried in the cemetery at Griffin and graves are well marked.

Andrew Stewart Blake was the son of Andrew Weir Blake, born Jan. 4, 1835, at Greenwood, South Carolina; died at his home in Griffin, Georgia, Mar. 3, 1915. In 1864 he married Henrietta Jane Peden, born Oct. 4, 1838, in Greenville, South Carolina; died Nov. 22, 1887, in Griffin, Georgia.

Andrew Weir Blake was the son of William Newton Blake, born 1798; died 1875, at Greenwood, South Carolina, and his wife, Elizabeth Weir, born 1802; died 1874.

William Newton Blake was the son of John Blake, who came to South Carolina from Tyrone County, Ireland, about 1792. He and his son, Adam Blake, built the Rooks Presbyterian Church at Greenwood, South Carolina, which stands today as a testimonial to the skill and honesty of its builders. The name of John Blake's wife is not known. There were two sons: Adam and William Newton Blake.

## WEIR FAMILY

Elizabeth Weir, born Sept. 15, 1802, was the daughter of Thomas Weir, 2nd, born in Tyrone County, Ireland, in 1763. In 1787 he married Mary Withrow and located in Abbeville District, South Carolina, where he died June 1, 1851. His wife died July 7, 1851. They had ten children. Their daughter, Elizabeth, married Wm. Newton Blake, 1798-1875.

OTIS D. BLAKE
Veteran of World War I
Griffin, Georgia

## JOHN PEDEN AND MARGARET McDILL FAMILY

Otis Daniel Blake, son of Andrew Stewart Blake who was the son of Andrew Weir Blake, born Jan. 4, 1835, in Greenwood, South Carolina, died Mar. 3, 1915. In 1864 he married Henrietta Jane Peden, born Oct. 4, 1838, died Nov. 22, 1887.

Henrietta Jane Peden was the daughter of David Hamilton Peden, born Aug. 12, 1813, at Fairview, South Carolina, and died Nov. 9, 1891, at his home at Griffin, Georgia. On Oct. 10, 1837, he married Lucilla Jones, of Abbeville County, South Carolina, and she died June 30, 1852.

David Hamilton Peden was the son of David Peden, born Nov. 1, 1760, in Ireland, and of his wife, Margaret Hughes, of South Carolina. David Peden served in the War of American Independence, entering the army at 16 years of age. He received a grant of land in Greenville County, South Carolina. He died in 1823.

David Peden was the son of John Peden and wife, Margaret McDill, of South Carolina. John Peden was born in Ireland and emigrated to America about 1770 and died in Chester, South Carolina. There were seven sons from this family serving in the American Revolution. David was the youngest child.

## THOMAS CALLAWAY AND WIFE, MARY

Otis Daniel Blake* is the son of Birdie Daniel Blake, who was the daughter of James Cicero Daniel, born Mar. 28, 1843, in Oglethorpe County. He was a Confederate Veteran, serving as Courier under Gen. Gordon, and died Aug. 7, 1927. On Nov. 14, 1871, he married Carrie Varner, of McDonough, born Sept. 1, 1852; died July 20, 1923.

Carrie Varner was the daughter of John F. Varner, born July 20, 1820; died Jan. 13, 1862. On Oct. 19, 1844, he married Martha Callaway, born Aug. 28, 1827, in Henry County, Georgia.

Martha Callaway was the daughter of Amaza Callaway, born 1802 in Wilkes County, Georgia, and married Elizabeth Reynolds Callaway, born Mar. 31, 1806, at McDonough. She died Jan. 27, 1898.

Elizabeth Reynolds Callaway was the daughter of Isaac Callaway and Mary Barrett, who were married in 1802.

Isaac Callaway was the son of John Callaway, born 1745, and of Bethany Arnold, married in 1770. John Callaway was an officer in the American Revolution and settled in Georgia in 1782.

John Callaway was the son of Thomas Callaway, born 1712 (Halifax Co. Captain 1755) and his wife Mary.

Thomas Callaway was the son of Frances Callaway, II, who was the son of Thomas Callaway, of Cornwell, England, and wife, Mary. He was granted 766 acres of land in Charles City, Virginia, in 1665.

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*Otis Daniel Blake and brother, Arthur C. Blake, in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Stewart Blake, gave the pews which are now in the First Baptist Church, Griffin, Georgia. Otis also contributed the pews which are in the balcony.

## CAPT. WM. H. MAY AND VICTORIA CUNNINGHAM

Lexington, Kentucky

Captain May's parents were from Wales and settled in Fayette County, Kentucky, where he was born Aug. 23, 1842.

In 1861 young May left Lexington with Colonel Forrest—who later became General—to join the Confederate forces. He was the first man enrolled in Forrest's command. May became Captain of Co. C in Woodard's Battalion. At one time he had charge of the Courier Line from camp to headquarters. While acting in this capacity he stopped at the home of John Borders, at Choccolocco, Alabama, for six weeks. While there he met and married Victoria Cunningham Oct. 3, 1865.

Captain May had only $31 on July 4, 1865, when he returned to his home at Lexington. The Yankees even cut the buttons off of his coat. He became a very prominent and wealthy man and was decidedly the most devoted and affectionate husband to be found.

His wife, Victoria, was born Sept. 25, 1837, in Jackson County, Georgia. I visited in their home at Lexington the year that Captain May was 77 years of age and his wife 82. At that time he was very active and appeared to be about sixty years old. His wife, Victoria, was merry and happy. She read without her glasses. Often for her breakfast she ate a raw salad of onions and tomatoes. She had not had a doctor in forty years and never took medicine of any kind, except paregoric occasionally for pain in the bowels. She remarked: "All of my friends who took medicine are taking their last long sleep. I take plenty of rest and sleep every afternoon. Overwork ruins the health. Mr. May kisses me all during the day and keeps plenty of money in my purse. In all of these years I have never asked him for money."

There were three children from this union:

1. John May, who married and has a son.
2. Charles May is married. One son, W. H. May.
3. Lessie May, their only daughter, married Charles Milward, of Lexington, Kentucky, and had one daughter, Frances, and one son, Charles.

## SAMUEL KNOX CUNNINGHAM AND ANNA ALLEN

### Brooksville, Mississippi

Samuel Knox Cunningham, Confederate Veteran, was born Feb. 5, 1846 in Jackson County, Georgia, son of Ansel Griffin Cunningham and Virginia Borders. He served in the First Alabama Division under General Forrest in the War Between the States.

On July 20, 1879 he married Anna Allen, born Sept. 24, 1857 at Glenn, Georgia, daughter of Capt. John Allen, Confederate Veteran, and his wife Charlotte. The early years of their married life were spent at Oxford, Alabama. In 1902 they moved to Noxubee County, Mississippi, and became substantial citizens of their community. Both died at their home in Brooksville and are buried in the cemetery there. Their children are:

1. Will Allen Cunningham, born Apr. 28, 1880; died Apr. 24, 1910.

2. Maude Belle Cunningham, born Oct. 3, 1881 at Oxford, Alabama. On Nov. 12, 1907 she married Harrison Donahue and they live in Birmingham, Alabama. Harrison Donahue's business is construction of highways, real estate and farming. He is a Deacon in the Southside Baptist Church, a member of the Kiwanis Club, president of the young boys under-privileged club and quite active in civic affairs His parents came originally from South Carolina and settled in Cartersville, Georgia. They have one daughter:

   a. Ruth Rochelle Donahue, born Feb. 16, 1910. She is a graduate of Ward-Belmont at Nashville, Tennessee. In 1930 she married Samuel Berger, Jr., of Nashville, Tennessee. He is president and general manager of a large department store in Nashville. He is active in civic affairs, is a Rotarian and a member of the Episcopal Church. Their children are: Shirley, Ruth, Mary Knox and Elinor.

3. Roy Ansel, born Oct. 29, 1883; died Nov. 15, 1922. A tall, handsome brunette.

4. Anna Ruth, born Aug. 9, 1887; died Sept. 27, 1897.

5. Louis, born 1891; died 1892.

6. Sam Davis, born Dec. 23, 1893; died Aug. 1, 1928.

7. Lucile Gladys Cunningham, born Jan. 9, 1900 at Oxford, Alabama. On Oct. 15, 1919, she married Benjamin Hale Dee, of Noxubee County, Mississippi. They have two children:

   a. Benjamin Hale Dee, Jr., born Sept. 30, 1920.

   b. Maude Rochelle Dee, born July 18, 1923. She graduated with honors at M. S. C. W., at Columbus, Mississippi. She married Sergeant Hal Yow of Columbus, Mississippi, Nov. 24, 1943.

# DAVID FRANKLIN SHUFORD AND CYNTHIA VIRGINIA CUNNINGHAM

## Oxford, Alabama

David Franklin Shuford, born Jan. 9, 1830 in Lincolnton, North Carolina, died Jan. 24, 1917 at his home in Oxford, Alabama. On Mar. 14, 1858 he married Cynthia Virginia Cunningham, born Nov. 17, 1841, daughter of Ansel Griffin Cunningham and Narcissus Virginia Borders of Choccolocco, Alabama. Their children were:

1. Virginia Elizabeth Shuford, born Sept. 26, 1859; died 1938. She married Thomas A. Best June 6, 1882 and lived at Talladega, Alabama. They had two children:

   a. Mary Best, born Jan. 4, 1884.

   b. Frances Avery Best, born May 16, 1895. She is the author of the book, "A Beautiful Woman on a Southern Plantation," signing her name Frances Best Simpson.

2. Fannie Shuford, born Aug. 2, 1863; died 1898. She was postmistress at Oxford, Alabama 1884-1889 and made an excellent record. She married Wm. Johnson, of Ocala, Florida, and had one son, William Ewart Johnson. He was a medical student in World War One. He is buried in Arlington Cemetery.

3. Mary Serena (Mollie) Shuford, born Feb. 26, 1866 and married Frank Hamilton Snow, of Anniston, Alabama, Dec. 26, 1889. Their children are:

   a. Frank Snow, died in World War One and is buried in France.

   b. Nelle Snow, a beautiful, accomplished daughter, lives in Washington, D. C.

   c. Virginia, born Aug. 27, 1904. She is a graduate of the Anniston High School and attended the University of Alabama. On Apr. 20, 1924 she married Leslie Clarke Longshore, of Columbiana, Alabama, born Oct. 14, 1896, son of Judge A. P. Longshore and wife, Frances. He graduated from Shelby County High School and entered the University of Alabama in 1915.

In February 1918 he enlisted in the U. S. Army Air Corps and served until June 1919. He was discharged as 2nd Lieut. (Pilot) Air Service. He returned to the University of Alabama and graduated in 1921 with an A.B. degree. He was admitted to practice law in 1922 and moved to Anniston, Alabama in 1923. Col. Longshore served as Commander Anniston Post No. 26 American Legion; served as president of the Civitan Club; president of the Calhoun County Bar Association; president of the Anniston Chapter Reserve Officers Association; served as Referee in Bankruptcy for the Eastern Division of the Northern District of Alabama. Again he volunteered for service in the U. S. Army Oct. 1940 and served until Sept. 1945 as Major and Lt. Col. He was transferred to Inspector General's Dept. March, 1944, and went to Third Service Command, Baltimore, Maryland. He then went to Panama Canal Department of Caribbean Defense Command and served as Inspector General Department for sixteen months. He has been made a full Colonel. Their children are:

*1.* Leslie Clarke Longshore, Jr., born Apr. 5, 1925. He has won many trophies playing tennis and has won a scholarship to Tulane University where he is now at school. Is now (1946) Southern Tennis King.

*2.* Frank Snow Longshore, born June 7, 1930.

*3.* George Chapman Longshore, born June 12, 1934.

*4.* Nelle Longshore, born Aug. 4, 1938.

4. Minnie Adaline Shuford, born Sept. 18, 1868; married J. C. Bentley.

5. Thomas Rhine Shuford, born Nov. 22, 1870. He is a graduate of Oxford College, Oxford, Alabama. He has traveled extensively and is the author of the book, "Gold Dollar." He is very proud of his ancestors and remarked, "It takes centuries to make a family. They don't grow on trees or in a few generations." In June, 1900, he married Lydia Ann Van Wyck, of South Carolina. Second marriage was to Agnes D. Lippincott and they have one son:

a. Thomas L. Shuford, born Jan. 25, 1923 at Shreveport, Louisiana. He is a veteran of World War Two.

6. Susan Colding Shuford, born Mar. 9, 1873; married John H. Draper, of Oxford, Alabama. They had one child:

   a. Annie Louise Draper, born May 9, 1905; married John F. Sewell, of Wetumpka, Alabama, born Mar. 7, 1897. They have two daughters, also two sons who are serving in the Navy.

7. William David Shuford, born Mar. 20, 1879, and lives in California. Single.

8. Caroline Johnson Shuford, born Dec. 18, 1875; died Dec. 17, 1944. She married G. H. McClure on July 7, 1899.

9. John Franklin Shuford, born Oct. 5, 1883; lives in Columbus, Georgia.

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Data on the Shuford family was sent to me by Mrs. Frank Hamilton Snow and Mr. Thomas Rhine Shuford.

## ANSEL GRIFFIN CUNNINGHAM, II, AND SALLIE ANN RYAN

Noxubee County, Mississippi

Ansel Griffin Cunningham, born Mar. 20, 1849, son of Ansel Griffin Cunningham and Virginia Borders, who at that time were living on the Rhett place in Noxubee County, Mississippi. On Feb. 24, 1870, he married Sallie Ann Ryan, of Jacksonville, Alabama, daughter of John Ryan and wife Julia. She died Feb. 14, 1938, and he died Sept. 26, 1915, at their home at Togo, Mississippi. Both are buried in the Deerbrook Cemetery. A true spirit of hospitality was evident in this home. Mr. Cunningham was genial, full of life and was an expert checker player. He was a very successful farmer and lived well. Their children are:

1. Narcissus Virginia, born July 18, 1873; died May 7, 1943.
2. Bettie Martin Cunningham, born Dec. 1, 1875. She married Alfred Ellis Brame, of Macon, Mississippi, Apr. 7, 1909. They have the following children:

   a. Thomas Griffin Brame, born Feb. 21, 1910 at Togo, Mississippi. He is now serving in the Navy. He married Miss Blanche Barnes on Sept. 18, 1938.

   b. Louie Ellis Brame, born Feb. 2, 1912 at Porch Hinds, Mississippi. He married Daisy Thomas, Dec. 20, 1939.

   c. Ollie de Yampert Brame, born Mar. 4, 1915 at Rankin, Mississippi, is now serving in the Army in World War Two. He married Sara Rowe Dec. 25, 1942.

   d. John Ansel Brame, born Mar. 20, 1917 at Rankin, Mississippi, and is now working at an Army Air Base. He married Rosa Worley on June 24, 1944.

   e. Joe Webb Brame, born Sept. 24, 1918 at Rankin, Mississippi, is at present in the Navy. He married Nancy Taylor Oct. 24, 1944.

   f. Charlie C. Brame, born Sept. 12, 1920; died Sept. 8, 1942.

   g. Hugh King Brame, born Sept. 23, 1925 at Rankin, Mississippi.

This entire family belongs to the Baptist Church at Jackson, Mississippi.

3. Sallie Anna Cunningham, born Dec. 7, 1877. She married U. W. Mullins, of Macon, Mississippi, Feb. 22, 1917. No children.

4. Lillie Cunningham, born Feb. 25, 1880; died Aug. 23, 1913. She married U. W. Mullins of Cliftonville, Mississippi, Dec. 15, 1897, and had the following children:

   a. U. W. Mullins, Jr., born Feb. 23, 1899, at Cliftonville, Mississippi. He married Maurine Smart of Blytheville, Arkansas, on June 12, 1924. They have two children, Beulah Elizabeth and Cornelia Smart, and live at Blytheville.

   b. Lillian C. Mullins, born June 1, 1902; married Lyle Brown, of Starksville, Mississippi, on June 23, 1925. Their issue: Daphine and Frances Brown. They live at Auburn, Ala.

   c. Henry Lee Mullins, born July 13, 1904; married Ida Mae O'Neal Oct. 1, 1935, and live at Andalusia, Ala.

   d. Ansel Calmes Mullins, born Sept. 5, 1906; married Rachel Temple July 16, 1930. Their issue: Ansel Mullins, Jr., and Edward Bill Mullins, born in Andalusia, Alabama. They live in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

   e. Sarah Elizabeth Mullins, born Sept. 13, 1908; married Dr. W. H. Turner of Dothan, Ala., Sept. 20, 1931.

5. John Borders Cunningham, born Jan. 22, 1882 at Cliftonville, Mississippi. On Jan. 11, 1917 he married Alice Watson Henderson, born Mar. 10, 1887, daughter of Thomas S. Henderson and Medora Bradford. They live at Deerbrook, Mississippi, where he is a successful farmer. They have one child:

   a. John Borders Cunningham, Jr., born Nov. 29, 1919. He is a very ambitious and promising young man. At present he is Major, A. C., Fort Worth Army Air Field, Fort Worth, Texas. He married Doris Clark on Feb. 15, 1941, and has one child: John Borders Cunningham, 3rd.

6. Ansel Griffin Cunningham, born Dec. 31, 1883.

7. Louie Lee Cunningham, born Dec. 1886; died Feb. 6, 1904.

8. Charlie Cunningham, born Apr. 25, 1891.

9. Alleene Cunningham, born Feb. 17, 1893; married Nov. 26, 1912, to William Ellis McGee, son of John Ellis McGee and Virginia Rogers. They live at Macon, Miss. Children:

   a. William Ellis McGee, Jr., born June 13, 1915 at Cliftonville, Mississippi, and married Hazel Maxine Melvin on Apr. 19, 1941. He is an honor graduate of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute at Auburn, Alabama. He was commissioned 2nd Lieut. Reserve Officer and was called for duty Mar. 3, 1940 in Field Artillery. He was promoted to Lieut. Col. on Feb. 27, 1946.

   b. Sarah Virginia McGee, born Oct. 23, 1918, graduated from Macon High School. She took a course at the New Rochelle School for Nursing in New York. She married Jack Reilly, a commercial artist of Midway, Ky.

# THE KNOX FAMILY*

William Knox, the Reformer's father, married into the William Sinclair family and had two sons: William and John Knox (the Reformer).

William is thought to be the older of the two and first appears as a merchant in Preston, Scotland. He was the father of three sons: John, William and Paul. Tradition has it that our family is descended from this line.

John Knox, the Reformer, first married Marjury Bowes in 1553. She died in 1560, leaving two sons, Nathaniel and Eleazer Knox, both of whom died unmarried. The Reformer married again March, 1563, a Margaret Stewart, of royal blood. They had three daughters, Margaret, Martha and Elizabeth. Thus we learn that the Reformer left no sons to carry on his great name.

John Knox, emigrant, of Rowan County, North Carolina, was a natve of Scotland, born in 1708. Tradition has it that Renfrenshire was his home. He went from Scotland to Ireland with other Scotch emigrants by invitation of the King of England, to constitute a balance of power against the insurgent Irish Catholics. He married an Irish Presbyterian, Miss Jean Gracy, whose mother's name was Jean Sinclair. They emigrated to America from Coleraine, Ireland, about 1740 in company with his brother-in-law, Patrick Gracy and others. Patrick Gracy was born in Ireland in 1700. It is thought that he married in this country. They came over in a sail vessel. The winds being unfavorable, they were three months on the ocean and ran short of water and provisions. Patrick died Jan. 9, 1810, leaving a large family. Children of John Knox and Jean Gracy were:

1. William is thought to be the oldest son. He emigrated with his parents to the United States and eventually became heir to the tract of land owned by his parents in Rowan County, North Carolina. He was Captain in the Revolutionary War. He married a Miss Allen and they had four sons and three daughters:

   a. John.

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*Miss Emma Goodman, Mount Ulla, N. C., granted me permission to copy some data from The Knox Family Record by Hattie S. Goodman (Richmond, Va., 1905).

KNOX COAT-of-ARMS (the original)
by Louise Gilbert, Statesville, North Carolina

The shield of the Knox-Coat-of Arms is enclosed in a wavy border of silver denoting service on the sea. The shield bears a single falcon in yellow ochre touched with gold and flecked with brown, perched in an appropriate manner on a small branch, with wings slightly spread. The lower part of the shield is a deep red fading into a vermilion in the upper right hand corner.

The crest is the side view of a falcon slightly smaller, perched on a small bar. Beneath it is the twisted rope usually seen just above the shield and in deep red and silver.

A decorative spray of silver and red oak leaves extends across the top and down the right side. The red back-ground stands for military fortitude; the wavy border stands for service on the sea; the falcon in heraldry stands for on eager in pursuit of an object much desired—one who is fond of the highest pursuit. Silver stands for peace.

b. James.

c. William.

d. Benjamin.

The daughters' names are not known. Captain Knox is buried in the Thyatira Cemetery near Salisbury, North Carolina.

2. Lieut. Samuel Knox, born Jan. 1, 1747, in Hanover County, Pennsylvania. His mother died in 1772, leaving him Executor of her Will. In 1774 he married Mary Luckey, born Mar. 1, 1756, whom I believe to be the daughter of David Lucky, of North Carolina, but I can not prove it.

At enlistment in the American Revolution, Lieutenant Knox resided in Rowan County, North Carolina. He moved, in the year 1786, at the age of 39, to Wilkes County, Georgia, bringing his wife and five children. Later they moved to Jackson County, Georgia, where they resided until his death. On Mar. 12, 1796 he bought 575 acres of land in Franklin County from Daniel Butler, paying 100 lbs. specie.

On Jan. 9, 1796, Samuel Knox bought land in Franklin County from Wm. Nucholls for 31 lbs. of lawful money. A certain tract of land lying on the south fork of Rocky Creek and joining lands surveyed for the said Samuel Knox beginning at a corner pine on Knox's Road running north to Lightwood Corner, containing 100 acres. There is a Knox Bridge in Franklin County east of Carnesville, Georgia. Lieut. Samuel Knox built a Fort in Georgia, but I have not located it.

Lieut. Samuel Knox was buried in the old Olney Presbyterian Church yard in Jackson County, Georgia. I was there in 1942 looking for his grave. The old church had been torn down and instead of stones in the graveyard there were trees and thick underbrush. It seemed unwise and foolish to mark a grave in such a desolate and unkempt place, so I bought a lot in the cemetery at Jefferson, the county seat of Jackson County, and placed the Government marker* there.

Ansel Cunningham's grave is on the farm that he owned at

*The markers were ordered by the Knox-Conway Chapter, D. A. R.

Hurricane Shoals. This farm is now in the hands of strangers, so I placed his Government stone in the lot at Jefferson, Georgia. My plans are to buy stones for the graves of the wives of these Revolutionary soldiers and place them on that lot.

3. Capt. James Knox was born 1752 in Rowan County, North Carolina, and is buried there. His will is recorded in the Court House at Charlotte. He was living in Mecklenburg County Sept. 24, 1794, when his will was written. He served as Captain in the American Revolution. He married Lydia Gillespie. They had four children:

   a. JEAN KNOX, who married Samuel Polk and became the honored parents of JAMES KNOX POLK, President of the United States, in 1845-1849.

   b. Naomi.

   c. Thomas.

   d. Robert.

      James Knox Polk became President of the United States, defeating Henry Clay. He absolutely refused to perform any official duties on the Sabbath Day; neither would he meet with any committee on that day. No one ever questioned the private morals or the integrity of James Knox Polk. His nickname was "Old Hickory."

4. Absalom Knox, married Mary Norrison, and lived in Rowan County, North Carolina. Their children were:

   a. William.

   b. Jean.

   c. Andrew.

   d. Sarah.

   e. John.

5. John Knox was born in Rowan County, and died in 1802. He is buried in the Thyatira Church yard. He served in the American Revolution under General Davidson. He married Hannah Reid, who died in 1793. They had six children:

a. Mary.

b. Hannah.

c. George, born 1774; died 1869.

d. Frances.

e. Margaret.

f. Robert.

6. Joseph Knox, married Miss Allison, and moved to Wilson County, Tennessee. Their children were:

a. John.

b. Thomas.

c. Squire.

d. Joseph.

e. Benjamin.

f. Mary.

g. Delia.

7. Mary Knox, only daughter of John Knox and Jean Gracy, married Mr. Rosbrough. They lived in Rowan County, North Carolina, and had the following children:

a. Robert.

b. Samuel.

c. Margaret.

d. John.

8. Benjamin, born 1759, youngest son of John Knox and Jean Gracy, married Rebecca Simmons. He died in Rowan County, North Carolina, in 1842. He was placed on Pension Roll for service in the American Revolution on June 25, 1833. Their children were:

a. John Knox, moved to Caliborne County, Mississippi.

b. Nancy Knox, married Moses Oldham.

# LIEUTENANT SAMUEL KNOX

Original line of Lieut. Samuel Knox for membership in Daughters of the American Revolution.

Linda Cunningham Ewing (No. 106776) was the daughter of

John Borders Cunningham, born Oct. 9, 1833, in Jackson County, Georgia; died at Cliftonville, Mississippi, Aug. 7, 1912. On May 19, 1862, married Malinda Clayton Gibson, born Dec. 22, 1843, at Fayetteville, Tennessee; died Nov. 23, 1895, at Cliftonville, Miss.

John Borders Cunningham was the son of

Ansel Griffin Cunningham, born Sept. 1, 1810, in Wilkes County, Georgia; died Oct. 7, 1848, in Noxubee County, Mississippi. His wife, Virginia Borders, born Feb. 2, 1813, in Jackson County, Georgia; died at Choccolocco, Alabama, Apr. 15, 1889. They married Oct. 28, 1830, possibly in Jackson County, Georgia.

Narcissus Virginia Borders was the daughter of

John Borders, born May 30, 1779, in Tennessee; died Oct. 2, 1873, in Choccolocco, Alabama. On Jan. 26, 1811, he married Cynthia Knox, born Oct. 13, 1791, in Georgia; died Nov. 8, 1864, at Choccolocco, Alabama.

Cynthia Knox was the daughter of

Lieut. Samuel Knox, born Jan. 1, 1747, in Hanover County, Pennsylvania; died Nov., 1836, in Jackson County, Georgia. He married Mary Luckey, born 1756 in Rowan County, North Carolina. They married in 1774. Don't know where she died, but she survived her husband a few years.

Lieut. Samuel Knox was the son of

John Knox, emigrant, born 1708 in Scotland; died Oct. 25, 1758, in Rowan County, North Carolina. His wife, Jean Gracy, born 1708; died Sept. 18, 1772, in Rowan County, North Carolina.

Jean Gracy, whose mother's name was Jean Sinclair, a relative of the mother (a Sinclair) of John Knox, the Reformer.

On Nov. 10, 1789 Hon. George Walton granted to Samuel Knox 330 acres of land lying in Wilkes County, Georgia.

## WILL OF JEAN GRACY, WIFE OF JOHN KNOX

### (Sept. 13, 1772)

In the name of God, Amen. The thirteenth of September, 1772, I, Jeane Knox, in the parish of St. Luck, in the County of Rowan, in North Carolina, being thru the aboundant mercy and goodness of God, though weak in body, yet of sound understanding and memory, blessed be the God of the same, do ordain and appoint this my last Will & Testament, and order and desire that it may be resaved by all whom it may concern as such.

Imprimis, I most humbly bequeath my soul to God my maker and Redemer, and satifier beseeching his most gracious acceptence of it, through the merits of my compassionate Saviour, Jesus Christ, who gave himself an atonement for my sins and is abel to save to the uttermost all that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them, in whom I trust he will not reject me a returning penitent when I come to him for mercy. In this hope and confidence I render up my soul with comfort, humbly beseaching the most glorious Trinity, one eternal God, to prepare me for the time of my dissolution, and that he take me to himself into that peace & rest which he hath prepared for all that love & fear his holy name, Amen.

Witnesseth. Imprimis, I give my body to the earth from which it was taken, in full assurance of its Resurrection from thence at the laste Day; & for my burial I desire it may be desent, without form, at the discretion of my executors, herein-after mentioned, who I do not doubt will manage it with prudence & gravity.

And as to my worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to blis me, I will positively order the same in the following maner & form: after payment of all by Detets & funeral expence, Item, I absolutely give & bequeth, devis & demis unto my well beloved youngest son, Benjamin Knox, one negro man child named Jacob & yong black Hors, sadil & bridel, as also my own bed that I now ly on, with all the sheets, bolsters & blankits that belongs to it, & two cows and calfes, to wit, Brindel & Twin. Also one plow, with the irons and all tackling belonging to it, & the big pot & little pot, & the chist & dogh chest, check real & gridel, & ax. And I alow my negro wench to be his for four years after my deceas, & then to be sold by my executors, to the purpose hereinafter directed. I alow the Quit Rent of this place to be paid to this present Deat, all the above as it stands stated to him & his heirs forever.

As for my corn & foder & wheat, and beef stear and hogs, I alow for the use of my four sons whet they keep in this hous to be for the use of them all; and I alow, after all my debts and funeral charges are paid, the

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(I copied this will while at the Court House in Salisbury, N. C., looking for data on the Knox family, July 1942.)

money arising from the diferent sales of goods and the sale of the wench above mentioned, when she is to be sold, to be equally divided between my sons Samuel, James, Joseph and Benjamin and to them and their heirs forever; and I do heareby constute and apoint my well beloved sons, Samuel Knox and Benjamin Knox, Executors of this my last Will and Testament; and I do utterly revock, disanull and every way forbid, gainsay & disalow, all former and other Wills or Codicils to wills by me heretofore maid; and I do now ratify, declare & confirm, this my last Will & Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and affixed my seal the day, month and yeare first within writen.

Signed, sealed, published and declared, by the sd Jeane Knox, to be her last Will & Testament, in the presence of us subscribers.

HENRY CHAMBERS
JOHN GRAHAM
JOHN KERR

JEAN KNOX (Seal)

## PRESIDENT POLK'S FOREFATHERS AND THYATIRA CHURCH*

James K. Polk, eleventh President of the United States, was born in Mecklenburg County, November, 1795. His mother was Jean, daughter of James Knox, of Rowan County. This James was the son of John Knox, who was a native of Scotland, born about 1708, and who went from Scotland to Ireland with other emigrants, by invitation of the King of England, to constitute a balance of power against the insurgent Irish Catholics. He married an Irish Presbyterian, Jean Gracy, whose mother's name was Jean Sinclair, a relative of the mother (a Sinclair) of John Knox, the Reformer.

This John and Jean came with other immigrants to America, about 1740, and were among the early settlers of Rowan County, buying six hundred acres of land on the south side of Third Creek, for 37 pounds, 10 shillings, which land had been granted to Earl Granville by James Stewart.

For more than 150 years an old stone stood in the Thyatira Churchyard, inscribed as follows:

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*The Elizabeth Maxwell Chapter, D. A. R., Salisbury, North Carolina, granted me permission to use the above article copied from Rev. J. Rumple's History of Rowan County, North Carolina, May 8, 1946, page 272.

HERE THE BODY LYS OF

JOHN KNOX

WHO DECEASED OCTOBER YE 25, 1758

AGED FIFTY YEARS

ALSO HERE LYS THE BODY OF

JEAN KNOX

HIS WIFE

WHO DECEASED SEPTEMBER 18, 1772

AGED SIXTY-FOUR YEARS

This stone is now fitted into a new one, with this inscription:

IN MEMORY OF

JOHN KNOX

1708-1758

AND HIS WIFE

JEAN GRACY

1708-1772

NATIVES OF SCOTLAND

ALSO THEIR SEVEN SONS

SOLDIERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

WILLIAM SAMUEL

JAMES

(GRANDFATHER OF PRESIDENT JAMES KNOX POLK)

ABSALOM JOHN

JOSEPH BENJAMIN

AND THEIR DAUGHTER

MARY

ERECTED BY THEIR DESCENDANTS

MAY 20TH, 1911

## SAMUEL KNOX AND MARY LUCKEY

Children of Lieut. Samuel Knox and wife, Mary Luckey, were:

1. James Knox, born June 5, 1775; married Annie Luckey in 1800. They lived at Talladega, Alabama. He was a prominent physician.

2. Jane Knox, born May 22, 1777, in North Carolina; married Alexander Luckey.

3. John Knox, born Oct. 6, 1779; died young.

4. Anna Knox, born June 16, 1782, in North Carolina; married William Jarrett May 16, 1806, at Jefferson, Georgia, where their marriage is recorded.

5. Mary Knox, born Jan. 25, 1785; married a Mr. Robertson.

6. David Luckey Knox, born Oct. 13, 1787; married Betsy Montgomery Mar. 7, 1820, at Jefferson, Georgia. She was the daughter of Col. Hugh Montgomery, who represented Jackson County in the Senate for several years.

7. Samuel Knox, Jr., born Oct. 6, 1789. He served as Captain in the War of 1812 under General Lloyd and was a man of ability and great dignity. He married Mary Montgomery Oct. 10, 1809, at Jefferson, Georgia. She was the daughter of Col. Hugh Montgomery.

8. Cynthia Knox, born Oct. 13, 1791, in Georgia; married John Borders Jan. 26, 1811, at Jefferson, Georgia.

9. William Knox . . . strange we do not have the date of his birth. There are no records of him except in the will of his father.

## MILITARY RECORD OF LIEUT. SAMUEL KNOX

The military record of Lieut. Samuel Knox was sent to me from the National Archives at Washington, D. C., and is as follows:

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PARENTS: Names were not stated.

BIRTH: In 1747 in Hanover County, Pennsylvania.

SERVICE: When this veteran applied for pension it was alleged: He enlisted, date not shown, and served 2 weeks or more under General Davidson and was in an engagement at Colestone near the Yadkin River; he enlisted and served 5 months or more in Captain Thomas Cowan's North Carolina Company during which he was in the battle of Ramsour's Mill, after which he served 3 months under Captain Thomas Cowan in Colonel Davie's North Carolina Regiment; subsequently he served 2 weeks in Captain Joseph Dixon's Company, Colonel Locke's North Carolina Regiment. He was commissioned on May 15, 1782, Lieutenant, Captain Cowan's Company, 2d Battalion of Rowan County, by Alexander Martin, Governor of North Carolina; he did not state that he rendered service as an officer. He was pensioned for service of 8 months as Private.

PENSION: Certificate No. 8 143 was issued March 13, 1833 to Samuel Knox, rate $26.66 per annum, commenced March 4, 1831, act of June 7, 1832, Georgia Agency.

FAMILY: No reference was made to wife or children of Samuel Knox.

RESIDENCE: At enlistment he resided in Rowan County, North Carolina; he moved in the year 1786 to Wilkes County, Georgia; afterwards moved to Jackson County, Georgia, where he resided in 1833.

DEATH: 1836 in Jackson County, Georgia.

## LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF LIEUT. SAMUEL KNOX

Jan. 1, 1747 - Nov. 1836

Georgia, Jackson County.

I, Samuel Knox, Sen., of the State and County aforesaid being old but of perfect mind and memory knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do hereby constitute this my last will and testament.

And first—of all it is my will that my body may be decently buried and secondly as to my property it is my will that all my just debts be paid and thirdly it is my will that my dear wife, Mary Knox, shall have my bay mare, saddle, bridle and as much of the household and kitchen furniture as she may choose for her own use and Eight Hundred Dollars in money which is to be paid out of the sale of my property or otherwise which sum is to be at her disposal as is the other property willed to her.

4th—It is my will that my beloved daughter, Jane Luckie, shall have Five Dollars of my estate in money.

5th—It is my will that my beloved daughter, Mary Robertson, shall have Five Dollars in money out of my estate.

6th—It is my will that my beloved daughter, Ann Jarratt shall have Five Dollars in money out of my estate.

7th—It is my will that my beloved daughter, Cynthia Borders, may have Five Dollars made out of my estate.

8th—It is my will that my beloved sons, Samuel Knox and William Knox, shall have the remainder of my estate both real and personal to be equally divided between them in such manner as they may think proper. And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my two sons, Samuel Knox and William Knox, my executors of this my last will and testament and I do hereby revoke, annull and set aside all other wills or testaments written or verbal, constituting and acknowledging this my last will and testament.

In witness thereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twentieth day of April, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Six.

Signed, and sealed in the presence of: SAMUEL KNOX

JOSEPH T. CUNNINGHAM
EDWARD STOREY
ANDREW CUNNINGHAM

## THYATIRA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN JACKSON COUNTY, GEORGIA

In my effort to learn if Lieut. Samuel Knox was a member of the Thyatira Church in Jackson County, Georgia, I visited that church and mingled with the congregation. I learned that this church was founded in 1797 by Rev. John Newton and was possibly named after the old Thyatira Church* in Rowan County, North Carolina, which was founded in 1753.

I asked to see the early records of the church since no one remembered the Knox family. I was informed that all records of the Presbyterian Churches are kept at the Historical Foundation at Montreat, North Carolina. I left for Montreat. On arriving at this Foundation the minutes of the Thyatira Church were placed before me. How happy I was to learn that the following were members of that church:

On March 27, 1828, the children of Samuel Knox, Jr., and wife Mary, were baptized Viz: Hugh Montgomery, John Bartley, William Mashburn, Margaret Ann, Christophe Columbus, Samuel Madison, Mary Jane.

Signed WM. MCMULLEN, Clerk.

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*We have reason to believe that parents of Lieut. Samuel Knox were identified with the Thyatira Presbyterian Church in Rowan County, North Carolina. Their remains rest in that church yard.

On Nov. 2, 1828 David Luckey Knox and Elizabeth Knox were admitted in full communion in this church on profession of their faith.

On May 3, 1829 Cynthia L. Knox and Margaret B. Cunningham were admitted on profession of faith.

On Aug. 2, 1829 James Cunningham, Mary Cunningham and Jarrett D. Brooks were admitted to full communion on a profession of their faith.

On Nov. 15, 1829 the meeting house, called Olney, was solemnly dedicated and set apart for the solemn worship of God by the Rev. John S. Wilson and Isaiah 66:1, 2 was read.

On Jan. 23, 1830 the children of David Luckie Knox and Elizabeth his wife were baptized Viz: Cynthia Ann, James Montgomery, Hugh, Samuel, Jane, William, Christopher Columbus, Joseph Scott.

Feb. 20, 1830 baptized the daughter of Samuel Knox and Mary his wife named Elizabeth Eveline.

Sept. 4, 1830 Samuel Knox, Jr., and James Liddell were chosen the office of ruling Elders of the Olney Church.

Signed Wm. McMullen, Clerk.

Jan. 2, 1831 a certificate of dismission was given David L. Knox and Elizabeth his wife to join the Presbyterian Church where-ever God in His providence might cast their lot.

Aug. 3, 1831 Samuel Knox, Jr., and Mary his wife received baptism for their son, Thomas Jefferson.

Feb. 13, 1832 a certificate was given James Cunningham and Mary his wife to join the Presbyterian Church where-ever God in His providence cast their lot.

July 24, 1834 John Borders Knox and William Knox were received on examination and profession of their faith into full community in the church Thyatira and at same time received baptism.

Nov. 1836 Mr. Samuel Knox, Sr., a member of Thyatira Church, departed this life.

Signed Wm. McMullen, Clerk.

Mar. 22, 1836 at the request of John B. Knox a certificate was given him to unite with the Presbyterian Church where-ever God in His providence may cast his lot.

Sept. 6, 1840 Miss Cynthia A. Cunningham applied for admission into the church and being duly examined was cordially received.

Oct. 16, 1842 Mr. John H. Cunningham presented himself for admission into the church and after examination was received.

It occurred to me that the present generation should know the names of the first members of this Thyatira Church, so I carefully copied the membership for the first seven years and wrote this list in a handsome leather folder which I purchased. The following letter from Ordinary L. B. Moon explains the rest:

October 14th, 1942

Mrs. Linda Cunningham Ewing
419 Rainey Street
Ashburn, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Ewing,

Several weeks ago, my wife and I attended the service at Thyatira Church, and at that time I presented the book you sent to them. They were very much interested in it and they are very grateful to you for the service you rendered them.

The folder is now in the vault at my office, as you requested, and it is understood that any one may see it at any time they desire.

No doubt you have already received a letter of appreciation from some of the church members. I would have written you sooner in regard to this, but I have been swamped with work relating to defense, aside from my other work.

I am very glad that I could be of service to you while you were in Jefferson this summer. I want to thank you personally for the fine work you did. The folder is beautiful, and a most worthy contribution to a noble cause.

Very sincerely yours,

L. B. Moon, Ordinary

# BORDERS FAMILY

## MICHAEL BORDERS AND MARY

### Jackson County, Georgia

Michael Borders came to Georgia about 1790 from Tennessee when his son, John, was about eleven years of age.

The historical collections of Elbert County, Georgia, which are in the State Archives show that Michael Borders bought 200 acres of land from Benjamin Brown and his wife, Nancy, on Dec. 10, 1792.

The Franklin County Deed Book KK states:

This indenture made March 20, 1795, twentieth year of American Independence between John Harrington of Kentucky of the one part and of Michael Borders of Elbert County. For 50 lbs sterling money being the full consideration paid by Michael Borders for 200 acres originally granted to the said John Harrington by his excellency George Mathews Esq.

Together with all and singular gardens, orchards, fences, wells, water courses, profits, advantages, emoluments and appurtenances whatsoever to the said Michael Borders. The tract of land and all the premises mentioned to be granted unto the said Michael Borders and unto his heirs.

Signed: THOMAS HARRINGTON AND WIFE, AGNES.

Deeds of Franklin County at State Archives:

Michael Borders and his wife Mary of Jackson County sold 200 acres of land to George Stovall of Franklin County for $300. This land is situated on Bear Creek originally bearing date Dec. 5, 1794 and by Harrington conveyed to the said Michael Borders. Bounded north-east by the Academy land, south-west by George Walton's land. In witness whereof the said Michael Borders and wife Mary hath set their hand and seal.

Among the land grants at the State Capitol, Atlanta, Georgia, is one to Michael Borders for 164 acres in 1799.

Deeds of Jackson County, Georgia:

A deed recorded June 30, 1804 by Michael Borders of Jackson County where he sold 200 acres of land to his son, John Borders, for 100 cents. Situated on Oconee River beginning at the white oak corner near Michael Borders bridge and spring.

Witnessed by STEPHEN BORDERS and JOHN GRAHAM.

Michael Borders sold 100 acres of land on the north fork on Oconee River for $300 to John Graham in 1804, the same year that he made his will. He died in 1807.

Michael Borders is listed among the Tennessee Soldiers of the Revolution by Penelope Johnson Allen. I sought to prove that he served, but the National Archives have informed me time and again that his name is not listed among the soldiers of the American Revolution.

Children of Michael Borders and wife, Mary, were:

1. Esther Graham Borders.
2. Isaac Borders.
3. John Borders.
4. Rachel Hixon.
5. Stephen Borders.
6. Phoebe Borders.
7. Ruth Borders.
8. Margaret Click.

## LAST WILL OF MICHAEL BORDERS*

In the name of God; Amen.

I, Michael Borders being in perfect mind and memory though very sick do make this my last will and Testament in manner and form following:

Item

My will is first that all of my property I shall hereafter mention first be valued by men who may be chosen for that purpose and then the property to be divided amongst my heirs which I shall hereafter mention by the valuation of price set thereon by the appraisers if the legates can agree to such division but if they the said legatees cannot agree in taking the property at the appraisement as aforesaid then my will is that all the property hereafter to be mentioned be sold at public sale and the money which arrives therefrom be equally divided between by daughter Esther Graham, Isaac Borders, John Borders, Rachel Hixon, Stephen Borders, Phoebe Borders and Ruth

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*The will of Michael Borders was probated Jan. 6, 1807, at the Court House in Jefferson, Georgia.

Borders. After first giving my wife, Mae Borders, her portion which is to be equal to two of the other legatees. Also my will is that before the division is made as before mentioned; after the value of my property being ascertained that my daughter Margaret Click shall have $4.00 to be paid by my executor hereinafter mentioned out of the said appraisement as her legacy. The property which is to be divided in manner and form as before mentioned is as follows: namely, Three hundred twenty-three acres of land together with all the improvements thereon, also five negroes namely, Bob, Joe, Davis, Ephriam and Moses. Also nine head of horses, also all my stock and cattle, sheep, hogs and geese together with all my household furniture and using tools of description, tools of all kinds that I possess. Also one wagon and gear and one still, also all my money together with all the debts that is due me.

Item

I give and bequeath all the above mentioned property as before mentioned to my heirs as I have named and do make this my last Will and Testament. I also appoint and ordain my wife, Mary Borders, and John Borders as my executors to this my last Will and Testament to act and advise as I have therein directed and to have full power to collect all my debts and settle with all the legatees herein mentioned. This my last Will and Testament, Signed with my hand and sealed with my seal this 7th. day of September, 1804.

Signed in presence of:
JAMES ROGERS
THOMAS JOHNSON

Signed MICHAEL BORDERS (Seal)

## JOHN BORDERS AND CYNTHIA KNOX

In order to secure data on our family I have made several trips to North Carolina, Jefferson, Georgia, and to Atlanta where I visited the State Archives and the State Capitol. For several years I sought for the names of John Borders' parents and was surprised to find that they lived and died in Jackson County, Georgia.

The old Borders home still stands on the Highway between Jefferson and Commerce. It is a large two-story home fastened together with wooden pegs. It is beautiful for situation, on a slanting hill facing the Highway with Borders Creek running on the side. I was there in July, 1945, just after some one from Washington, D. C., had dug up some large, handsome box-wood that had ornamented the grounds for many, many years.

Recently a clipping was sent to me by my sister, Mrs. Carr Meysenburg, which was taken from the Anniston Times, Anniston, Alabama, Dec. 2, 1932. I quote in part:

John Borders was born May 30, 1779 in Tennessee, the son of Michael Borders and wife, Mary. In 1835 he moved from Jackson County, Georgia to Benton County, Alabama, and bought 1250 acres of land in Choccolocco Valley, where he built a lovely home which still stands today.

John Borders lived to be 95 years old. His intelligence, his enterprise and wise management brought him great success as a planter. His upright character and his devotion to duty made him a leader in his church and community. His charity made him beloved by all the country side.

John Borders married Cynthia Knox, sister of Dr. James Knox, of Talladega, Alabama, father of our illustrious John B. Knox, of Anniston, Alabama. The grave of Cynthia Knox Borders was recently marked with appropriate ceremonies by the Oxford Chapter, D. A. R. She was the daughter of the Revolutionary Soldier, Lieut. Samuel Knox, of Jackson County, Georgia. John Borders and Cynthia Knox reared a family of two sons and six daughters:

1. Mary Borders married Jarrett Brooks.
2. Narcissus Virginia Borders married Ansel Cunningham.
3. Adaline Borders married Tom Bush and lived at Macon, Mississippi.

4. Serena Anne Borders, born 1815; died 1887; married Sterling Jenkins.

5. Eliza Borders married Amos Flournoy Ponder of Montgomery, Alabama.

6. Samuel Knox Borders.

7. Abner Hopton Borders.

8. Evelyn Borders married John Bush, and their children were:

   a. Della Bush, who married Wayne Dupree, and they were prominent citizens of Noxubee County, Mississippi. She was a charming woman!

   b. Nannie Bush married William Moore and still lives at the ripe old age of 90 years at her home in Macon, Mississippi. She is greatly loved by a host of friends.

   c. Tom Bush, born 1850; married Eliza Smith.

   d. Mary Bush, born 1853; married Capt. W. P. Snowdon and lived at Deer Brook, Miss. They had two daughters: Evelyn and Carrie Delle.

   e. Abner Bush, born 1858.

Coz. Nannie Bush Moore told me this:

"Grand-pa John Borders owned many slaves. Two of them were good seamstresses, named Frances and Ellen. These he gave to his daughter, Cynthia Evelyn Bush. Frances' husband was a slave also, so he hired himself from his master working until he paid for himself. He was a negro barber and paid $2,000 to Mrs. Evelyn Bush for the freedom of his wife."

A tribute to Cynthia Knox Borders by Capt. Wm. H. May, of Lexington, Kentucky, July 18, 1919:

"I had the good fortune to know this good woman, the sweetest old lady I ever knew. A loyal friend and a mother to me. She loved me as her son and I spent many happy hours in her home at Choccolocco, Alabama.

"I can never forget the last words I ever heard her speak. It was during the Civil War. I had been a guest in her home and when I was leaving for the battle front I went in to bid her good-bye. She met me with tears in her

eyes, put her hands on my shoulders and said, 'God bless you', it was all she could say.

"Many months later I had an opportunity to visit her. I obtained a furlough of 30 days and rode horse back from South Carolina to Alabama. Had many narrow escapes in avoiding the enemy on my way. I had high hopes of meeting her and my present wife, who was Victoria Cunningham then. When I arrived at the gate I knew something was wrong. On entering the house my joy turned to grief, she was gone, had passed to her reward that day. She was laid away sorrowfully, her husband, John Borders, survived her. He was equally as fond of me, a stranger, I loved him like a father. He has long since gone to the great beyond where I know they are both at rest. They are not dead but sleeping."

## OBITUARY OF JOHN BORDERS

Died, October 2, 1873, at the residence of his son, A. I. H. Borders, in Calhoun County, Alabama, Mr. John Borders, in the 95th year of his age.

In a copy of the New Testament which had been the daily companion of Bro. Borders, and almost every leaf of which bears the mark of his hand, was found in his own handwriting the following instrument or covenant, drawn up and subscribed to at the time he attached himself to the Cabin Creek Baptist Church, which was built in 1796 in Jackson County, Georgia, and it is believed by all who knew him that he faithfully adhered to it till his death, we here insert it just as he wrote it:

"Born in Tennessee, May 30th, in the year of our Lord, 1779. Jesus in consideration of thy suffering and death for me, I do thus give myself to thee—mind, soul and body—for time and eternity. Thy word is to be the rule of this life; thy promises are to be my reward. So far as I am able, and to the best of my knowledge, I resign my will and all my powers to thee, this December, A. D. 1828. Church, Cabin creek, Georgia John Borders, Jackson County, Ga."

Having been intimately acquainted with him for many years, I can bear testimony to his humble piety and his consistent deportment as a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ. We are interested in classing him with those eminent individuals whose names the Christian public cannot allow to pass away into oblivion. He will long continue to be recollected and mentioned by surviving friends with a mournful yet soothing interest. Few have walked in the ways of wisdom longer than the deceased. Few have done more, according to their means, for pure and undefiled religion. To think of his schemes, exertions and disbursements, together with their known and their unknown results—his house, purse and heart were all open to do good. He was benevolent. The Lord had blessed him with a liberal share of his goods of this world, and he gave liberally of his to all benevolent objects. The numerous

benevolent religious institutions which characterize the present age, received his hearty support and encouragement. To feed and clothe and educate the poor were propositions to which he always responded in word and by deed. The educational interests of our country were prompted by liberal donations of money. He contributed liberally and systematically to the cause of Domestic and Foreign Missions: and it is understood that he has provided in his will that one-tenth of all his means is left to be given to the Lord. Of this the facts will be made known in due time in a separate article. The last physical effort of his life out of his bed was on the evening before his death; he went to his safe to get his usual annual contribution for missions and other purposes to send up to his association. After procuring the money he was assisted to his bed and fell asleep in Jesus about 6 o'clock on the following morning. But it was the religious life of this man of God that distinguished him. His was an intelligent piety. Enlarged and comprehensive views of truth were entertained by him. He was accustomed to read the sacred scriptures with diligence and pleasure. Enough other books were not despised or neglected, yet God's book was his chief delight. A lively interest was taken in the services of the Lord's house, and especially where he might receive spiritual instruction. It was to behold the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple that he sought to dwell in the house of the Lord.

Those who knew him can well remember with what devout interest he engaged in the public worship of God. Spiritual improvement was sought. He attended his church meetings punctually, as a duty that he owed to his pastor and to the church of which he was a member. For the same reason that the truth might be understood in all its relation and bearings, he delighted in conversation on religious subjects. Seldom have I known one whose views on all points connected with our holy religion were more consistent. His was also a decided and consistent piety. His religion was the result of principle, hence its uniformity. His path was as the shining light, regular, steady, shining more and more until the perfect day. What he believed he hesitated not to avow nor did he fear to do the will of God. No smiles could seduce, or frowns drive him from the path of duty. He did not satisfy himself by conforming to the claims of a Christian profession in the outer walks of life. Within the home circle he lived the Christian. There his character as a consistent servant of God pre-eminently shone. His was a dying hour. He met death as might be expected by a Christian not as a leap in the dark, but as an entrance into the presence of God his sovereign and his Savior. His allusions to this solemn change were those of the humble believer in Christ—clinging to him, relying upon him he was not afraid to pass through the valley of the shadow of death. It can truly be said of him as it was of Abel (Heb. xi, 4) "he being dead yet speaketh."

signed by E. T. Smyth

Oxford, Ala., Oct. 3, 1873.

# BORDERS FAMILY OF KENTUCKY*

John Borders was of German descent. He came to this country as a soldier in the Revolutionary War and was under General Cornwallis at the time of his surrender at Yorktown. After the war he settled in Giles County, Virginia. From there he came to Kentucky and settled at the "Wild Goose Shoal," which is now in Johnson County, below the mouth of Tom's Creek, where he remained until his death.

Nothing is known of Michael Borders, son of the above John Borders, more than that he was a surveyor of a road from the mouth of Paint Creek to the mouth of Tom's Creek. Appointed Aug. 22, 1814.

John Borders settled on George's Creek. He was a widely known and respected Baptist preacher.

Hezekiah Borders settled and lived at the mouth of Lost Creek on the Big Sandy River which is now Lawrence County. This place became known, and has been known for a hundred years as Borders Chapel. He and his wife were very religious, being members of the Methodist Church, and very hospitable to all with whom they came in contact. He once kept a tavern as did all the well-to-do in that time. Hezekiah was also a brother of Michael.

It is very evident that this John Borders, of Kentucky, was a brother of our grandfather, Michael Borders, of Georgia.

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*Copied from History of Johnson County, Kentucky, by Hall, page 72.

# GIBSON FAMILY

The first emigrant of this family known to arrive in America was one John Gibson, whose name is on the "List of Early Virginia Emigrants" in 1635. This John Gibson located in Henrico County, and acquired lands in Henrico, Charles and Northumberland Counties in 1636, 1637, 1643, 1655. From this one emigrant, no doubt, came the descendant, John Gibson, soldier of the American Revolution, who was among the very earliest settlers in the section now known as Orange County, North Carolina. The County Records of Virginia, as published in condensed histories, do not give sufficient data to establish the family genealogy, but we do believe that from this one emigrant descended the various Virginia and North Carolina Gibson families. The Gibsons were of Scottish ancestry.

The first land owned by the Gibsons in North Carolina was bought from Lord Granville, who had large reservations. This was as early as 1740-1750. One deed was to Thomas Gibson for 606 acres. There seems to have been a George and a John Gibson of same generation—perhaps brothers—included in this Gibson settlement in Orange County, North Carolina.

In Volume Five of Colonial Records, page 354-605, there is brief mention made of Gibson's Store as a meeting place for troops, no date given. The Gibson settlement was on the crossing of trails and later junction of mail roads; thus, the store became established and was a landmark in that section before 1760. From this frontier settlement there sprang up a community which, because of accessible roads, fine rich lands, and later a paying gold mine, grew into a town which is to this day known as Gibsonville, North Carolina.

Orange County, North Carolina, which adjoined Henrico County, Virginia, comprised a large section of the state. From it was cut off Guilford County, North Carolina, in 1771, and many other counties at various times. Gibsonville was cut off in Guilford County.

The Gibson family prospered—owned large tracts of land and owned and operated the gold mines. Signs of this depleted industry are visible to this day.

John Gibson, my ancestor, was on Donelson's Voyage. Descendants of those who were on that voyage are very proud of their an-

cestry. This was a very exciting experience in the life of John Gibson as well as a very dangerous one. He is one of twenty-four men on that voyage whose names are recorded in the histories of Tennessee. He signed the documents and lived near Nashville, then moved on to Lincoln County, Tennessee.

The following is copied from Notable Southern Families, Vol. 2, by Armstrong:

"One of the most remarkable adventures undertaken in the settlement of the West was the voyage of the company of pioneers with Col. John Donelson as Commander which left Watauga Settlement Dec. 22, 1789 traversed the Holston, Tenn., Ohio and Cumberland Rivers to French Lick, now Nashville, Tenn., arriving on Apr. 24, 1780."

At the time of the Voyage of Donelson, John Gibson was nineteen years old. He had served 5 months with North Carolina troops from October, 1778, in Capt. John Nelson's Company, Colonel Locke's Regiment. The State had promised lands in the Western country to those in the service; so how natural that a young, adventurous boy just out of the Army, would join a company with others from his immediate section of the State, perhaps some relatives, and go to the wilderness prospecting and locating his land.

An Act for the relief of officers and soldiers, entitling them to 640 acres of land in the Western Country was passed by the State of North Carolina Aug. 18, 1780.

Danger from Indians and a very frugal winter in prospect caused many of the adventurers of Donelson's voyage to leave their settlement at the Bluffs and go for safety. It seems that John Gibson, along with John Donelson, were among the number who went to more secure places. John Gibson returned to North Carolina, and was in Guilford County in February, 1781. The battle of Guilford Court House was Mar. 15, 1781, when he was again in the service of his State for seven weeks. In September, 1781, he was enlisted under Col. James Martin and Paisley and was out against the Tories. (See Ad. Gen. Report.)

Tennessee became a State in 1796 and from this new State of Tennessee in its beginning, small acreage of lands were granted for

sundry services to John Gibson, as is shown in the Archives of Tennessee at Nashville.

These services were rendered, no doubt, in protecting lives and property of this pioneer Western Settlement and campaigns against the Indians, for it was not until after the Battle of Horseshoe in 1814 that the settlers were freed from attacks of Indians.

John Gibson made a permanent settlement in Davidson County in 1805. He was then forty-five years old and the father of several children. His younger sons were born after his removal to Tennessee. Felix Gibson, born June 7, 1808, was probably named for Dr. Felix Robertson, the physician used at the time of his birth. Felix Gibson is said to be the first male child born at Nashville, Tennessee.

John Gibson married Margaret Joyce, of Virginia. Joyce is always Irish. All lines of the family of Joyce originated with one line in County Galway, Ireland; the family one of those together with Martin, St. George, Bodkin, etc., forming what was known as the Thirteen Royal Tribes of Galway. All of these "tribes" were of Norman or English origins settled in Galway after the year 1172.

The Joyces settled in Virginia as early as 1635. In 1847 Col. Lawrence Joyce was Colonel of the Massachusetts State Militia.

The moving of the Gibson family, severing all connections with the Guilford County, North Carolina, home and going the long journey to Davidson County in what is now middle Tennessee, was, even in the year 1805, a brave and courageous movement, the distance about six hundred miles. It took more than two months to make the trip in ox carts.

Davidson County, Tennessee, was formed in 1783 and comprised all territory west of Cumberland Mountains to the Mississippi Valley. Sumner County was formed from Davidson in 1787. Wilson County was formed from Sumner County in 1799. A record shows that John Gibson had one of the earliest stores in Wilson County, both counties being very near Nashville. Supplies for the stores were brought on pack mules.

John Gibson was located on Hurricane Creek in Wilson County. When he moved to Lincoln County he was again located on a creek named Hurricane, but later was shortened to Cane Creek. He saw

churches established, schools erected, and the county of his choice organized, established and civilized.

The life time of John Gibson covered a period in the history of Tennessee when a wilderness was turned into civilization. It was a time of hardships and struggle—a time of subjugation of the Indians—of clearing the forests—of beginning a new state and seeing it organized and thriving.

He was born in a State of British rule. He was eleven years old at the time of the Battle of Almanance, the first blood shed in the Revolution in 1771. He was sixteen years old at the time of the Battle of Guilford Court House, North Carolina, and since he was born and reared in the immediate vicinity of these stirring events, he must have experienced great excitement as well as apprehension of danger to himself and home. These experiences in war and turmoil, together with much pioneering, strengthened him in bravery and character and made him equal to the task of making a home in this wilderness in Lincoln County. However, in less than four years' time after coming to Lincoln County, he was again in the midst of war-like conditions, for in his immediate vicinity were some of the stirring activities of the War of 1812. The rendezvous of Jackson's men was at Fayetteville, the county seat of Lincoln County. The volunteers of Tennessee gathered there, and made preparations for the march to Horse Shoe Bend and on to New Orleans. No doubt, John Gibson's home was overflowing with relatives and friends who were among the Volunteers, and he was active in furnishing supplies and all aid possible. His second son, John H. Gibson, was an officer—a Colonel under General Coffee.

A fine home was erected which is mentioned in the will of John Gibson as the "Mansion." This was probably the home that was burned. His granddaughter, Mrs. Malinda Gibson Cunningham, of Cliftonville, Mississippi, often spoke of the jewelry and valuables that were lost when that home burned. The house built by Felix Gibson is the one in use at the present time. This old homestead is located five miles from Fayetteville on the Fayetteville and Petersburg Pike, Road number 50.

The Gibson family continued Presbyterian, and that in itself speaks for their social and religious standing. The youngest son, Albert, became a Presbyterian minister. He immigrated to Arkansas

in the early settlement of that State. It was about the year of his departure for the West, that Felix Gibson moved from Marshall County to Lincoln County, to reside and be near his father, who was then a very old man.

The old burying ground, or family graveyard, of the Gibson family is at what is called Sulphur Springs. It is located between Howell and Boones Hill, Lincoln County.

John H. Gibson was born about 1789 and was the John H. Gibson mentioned in connection with naming of Gibson County, Tennessee, so honored because of his gallant service under General Coffee during the War of 1812.

General Coffee lived in the same section as the Gibsons. Numerous land grants to John Gibson are in War of 1812 Records at Nashville, and may be ascribed, in part, to this John H. Gibson as well as some grants to his father, John Gibson. For supplies and other aid to the cause, John Gibson received land grants.

## ARTICLES OF COMPACT, CUMBERLAND SETTLERS, MAY 1, 1780

In the wilds of the Cumberland, 600 miles from their seat of government, the people demonstrated their adequacy to self-government. They appointed trustees and signed a covenant obliging themselves to conform to the judgment and decisions of these officers. John Gibson signed the Pact. (N. C. Records.)

Hillsboro, the county seat of Orange County, North Carolina, was the seat of First Provincial Congress in 1775. The people were early alive to the spirit of Liberty. Orange County was noted for independence of Citizens and indomitable opposition to Tyranny. People rose in arms against Crown Officers.

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Reference: Book H page 167 in State Archives at Nashville, Tenn. Also, War Records of 1812.

# COL. JOHN H. GIBSON

## Son of John Gibson and Margaret Joyce

Judge Samuel Williams, in his late book, "Beginnings of West Tennessee," published in 1930, gives the following interesting facts about the naming of Gibson County, Tennessee:

"This county was named, by recital of the legislative act, in honor of and to perpetuate the memory of Colonel John H. Gibson. He served as Lt. Col. under Brig. Gen. Coffee in the Creek War of 1813. Gibson's detachment was used in reconnoitering throughout that war. When at its close, it became apparent to Gen. Andrew Jackson that the British were to land in the South, he sent urgent calls back to Tennessee reenforcements 'I want about 1000 horses with Gen. Coffee at their head, Cols. Dyer and Gibson with him.' 'Appoint some officer to muster the Cherokees, perhaps Col. Gibson would.'

"In one of the early battles before New Orleans, the commands of Col. Gibson and Dyer became separated from the main body and ran across the British. These officers wheeled to escape. Gibson had scarcely started when he fell; before he could recover, a soldier quicker than the rest had reached him and pinned him to the ground with his bayonet. Fortunately the stab but slightly injured him and he was only held by his clothes. Thus pinioned, and others briskly advancing, but a moment was left for deliberation. Making a violent exertion and springing to his feet, he threw his assailant to the ground and made his escape. The part played by Coffee's regiment in the battle of New Orleans on the 6th of January is well known; one of the main reliances was Gibson. He was commissioned as Lieutenant of the 28th Regiment, Tennessee Militia, Feb. 21, 1811. He was worthy of the honor paid him—and more."

# JOHN GIBSON

Original line for membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Linda Cunningham Ewing is the daughter of

John Borders Cunningham, born Oct. 9, 1833, in Jackson County, Georgia; died Aug. 7, 1912, at Cliftonville, Mississippi. On May 19, 1862, he married Malinda Clayton Gibson, born Dec. 22, 1843, at Fayetteville, Tenn.; died Nov. 23, 1895, at Cliftonville, Mississippi.

Malinda Clayton Gibson was the daughter of

Felix G. Gibson, born June 7, 1808, at Nashville, Tennessee; died Aug. 21, 1857, in Fayetteville, Tennessee. On Oct. 29, 1829, he married Minerva Clayton, born Nov. 1, 1813, in Marshall County, Tennessee, who died in Corsicana, Texas, at the home of her son.

Felix G. Gibson was the son of

John Gibson, Revolutionary soldier, born Sept. 16, 1760, in Orange County, North Carolina; died at his home in Lincoln County, Tennessee. He married Margaret Joyce, of Virginia, Apr. 1784 or 1785. Their children were:

1. Marke Gibson.
2. John H. Gibson, born 1789 and was Colonel in the War of 1812 under Brig. Gen. Coffee.
3. Lucinda Gibson, married John W. Smith.
4. Polly Gibson, married John Buchannon and lived in Lincoln County, Tennessee.
5. Jeanette Gibson, married Archibald M. Hester and lived in Lincoln County, Tennessee.
6. Eliza Gibson, married Alfred C. Dickey.
7. Nancy R. Gibson, married Samuel Crawford.
8. Margaret Gibson, married a Mr. Warren.
9. Malinda Gibson.

10. Albert G. Gibson was a Presbyterian minister and went to Arkansas in the very beginning of the settlement of that State.

11. Felix Gibson, born June 7, 1808, at Nashville, Tennessee.

John Gibson was a signer of the Cumberland Pact May 1, 1780.

He was a member of Col. John Donelson's Voyage in 1780.

John Gibson was given land grants in Davidson County, North Carolina (now Tennessee), under Act of 1780 providing land for relief of officers and soldiers in Continental Line and other purposes. He was beneficiary under Act concerning invalid pensioners and his name is listed in the special Census of 1840, Lincoln County, Tennessee, District 14, age 80 years.

His military record was sent from the National Archives and is as follows:

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PARENTS: Names not shown.

BIRTH: September 16, 1760 in Orange County, North Carolina.

SERVICE: He stated that he enlisted and served in the North Carolina Troops as follows: from October 1778, 5 months as Private in Captain John Nelson's Company, Colonel Locke's Regiment; he then served 7 weeks in a company of horsemen under Captain Thomas Cook; from August or September 1781, 2 months and 2 weeks in Captains Daniel Galispie's and John May's Companies under Colonels James Martin and Paisley.

PENSION: John Gibson was allowed pension on Certificate No. 25 254 which was issued December 17, 1833, rate $30.33 per annum, act of June 7, 1832, West Tennessee Agency.

FAMILY: He stated that in 1809 "he located himself and family in Lincoln County, Tennessee". There are no further family data.

RESIDENCES: In 1778 he resided in Guilford County, North Carolina. In 1805 he moved to Davidson County, Tennessee. In 1809 he moved to Lincoln County, Tennessee. He lived there in 1833.

DEATH: Date and place not shown.

## GIBSON OF SCOTLAND—COAT-OF-ARMS

ARMS:

Gules, three keys fesseways in pale or.

CREST:

A pelican in her piety proper.

MOTTO:

*Pandite cœlestes portæ.* (Open thou the heavenly gates.)

AUTHORITY:

Burke's "General Armory", 1878 edition, pages 397-398.

TINCTURE AS SHOWN BY DESCRIPTION:

The shield is red.

The three keys are gold.

The pelican, her nest, and young, are naturally colored. The tradition of the pelican is that she feeds her young by wounding her own breast and letting the blood drops drip into the mouths of the young. The blood is therefore red.

The mantle and wreath are red and gold.

NOTES:

The main line of this family bore the title of Baronet. Before the year 1628 the main line was united with the family of Carmichael, and the arms of the Baronet thereafter was quartered with that of Carmichael. Many of these combinations of arms exist. The principal present lines of the family are of Durie, Scotland, and of Pentland, in Edinburgh, the last mentioned line also chieftained by a Baronet.

MARTIN & ALLARDYCE,

by *George C. Martin*

BEFORE ME, the undersigned a Notary Public for and in Bexar County, State of Texas, this day personally appeared George C. Martin of the firm of Martin & Allardyce, of San Antonio, Texas, who took oath that the insignia above described appears in the published authority above mentioned.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of office this 24th day of August, A. D. 1944.

NELLIE M. DORETHY,

(SEAL) *Notary Public.*

## JOHN GIBSON'S LAST WILL

Revolutionary Soldier. Born Sept. 16, 1760.

I, John Gibson of the County of Lincoln and State of Tennessee, being of sound mind and disposing memory, for which I thank God, and calling to mind the uncertainty of Human life and being desirous to dispose of all such worldly substance as it has please God to bless me with do make and declare the following to be my last Will and Testament.

1st. I give and bequeath unto Margaret Gibson, my wife, during her natural life the use of the farm on which I now live, including the Mansion House building and all the improvements after deducting therefrom the portion hereafter bequeathed to my son Albert G. Gibson, for her support and for the support of my two daughters unmarried and living with her so long as they remain single with her. Furthermore it is my will that my wife Margaret shall have such portion of the stock of every description of which I may die possessed as she may choose and Judge proper for her support and shall have all the kitchen and household furniture for her own proper use and behalf and for her own absolute disposal during her life and at her death I also give and bequeath unto my said wife Margaret during her latteral life my slaves, Alexander, Calvin and Harriet for her use and with the exception hereafter specified.

2. I give and bequeath to my son Albert G. Gibson for his own proper use and behoof forever that portion of my land on which I now live which is east of a line beginning on the North Boundary line of said tract of land at a point due North of the spring from which my family obtains water and running thence south through said spring thence down said spring branch or water mark as it now runs to the south boundary line of the aforesaid tract of land. I also bequeath as aforesaid to said Albert G. Gibson my negro man slave named Alexander from and after the death of my wife, Margaret, mother of said Albert.

3. I now declare as my will that after the decease of my wife, Margaret, that portion of my land bequeathed for her use as above I give and bequeath to my daughters Nancy and Margaret for their use and benefit if living and unmarried at that time, provided they reside upon the premises so long as they remain unmarried and will reside thereon, but in case of the marriage or death of either the other shall have the use and benefit of it so long as she may remain single and reside upon the premises or death, then it is my will that my son Albert G. Gibson shall have the aforesaid tract or portion of land for the sum of Four Hundred Dollars to be paid in two payments of Two Hundred Dollars each in one and Two years from the date of such relinquishment and it is furthermore my desire that the said sum of two hundred dollars each shall be equally devided among my daughters Lucinda, Polly, Jenetta, Malinda, Elzie, Nancy and Margaret for their own proper use and behalf forever.

4. I give and bequeath to my son Marke Gibson in addition to what he has heretofore received ten dollars.

5. I give and bequeath to my son John H. Gibson in addition to what he has heretofore received ten dollars.

6. I give and bequeath to my son Felix G. Gibson in addition to what he has heretofore received ten dollars.

7. I give and bequeath to my son in law John W. Smith in addition to what he has heretofore received his note for land executed to me for fifty five dollars dated September 20, 1819 and also to my daughter Lucinda his wife, ten dollars.

8. I give and bequeath to my son-in-law Samuel Crawford in addition to what he has heretofore received ten dollars.

9. I give and bequeath to my son-in-law Archibald M. Hester in addition to what he has heretofore received ten dollars.

10. I give and bequeath to my daughter Eliza Dickey one negro girl slave named Martha and also to my son in law Alfred C. Dickey her husband ten dollars.

11. I give and bequeath to my daughter Nancy R. Gibson one negro boy named Calvin and a negro girl slave named Jane.

12. I give and bequeath to my daughter Margaret A. Gibson one negro boy slave named Henry which she is to take possession of at my deseased and also one negro girl slave named Harriet which she is to take possession of at the deceased of her mother.

13. My will is that such portion of my stock of every description of which I may die possessed as may remain after the selection of my wife Margaret as provided in the first section of the will shall be sold by my executors at public sale on a credit of twelve months out of the proceeds of which the money legacies before mentioned shall be paid and the balance of any shall be divided equally between my wife, Margaret and my two daughters Nancy R. and Margaret A. and also it is my will that the crop on hand at the time of my deceased growing or gathered shall go for the sole use and benefit of my said wife Margaret and my daughters Nancy R. and Margaret A.

I do hereby appoint my sons Albert G. Gibson and Felix G. Gibson executors of this my Last will and testament, disanulling and hereby revoking all former wills by me heretofore Made, and confirming this my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I here unto set and affix my seal this the fourth of June in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and forty.

JOHN GIBSON

Signed, sealed and delivered to be the last will and testament of the above named John Gibson in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses to the same this 4th, day of June 1844.

Isaac Southworth
Joseph B. Hill
Napoleon Ward.

Proved and admitted to record at the June term 1844 of Lincoln County, Court. Tennessee.

For the benefit of some who do not have access to the Annals of Tennessee, by J. G. M. Ramsey, I am giving excerpts from Donelson's Voyage:

## THE ADVENTURE

by Col. John Donelson

Journal of a Voyage, intended by God's permission, in the good boat Adventure, from Fort Patrick Henry on Holston River, to the French Salt Springs on Cumberland River, kept by John Donelson.

Dec. 22, 1779. Took our departure from the fort and fell down the river to the mouth of Reedy Creek, where we were stopped by the fall of water, and most excessive hard frost; and after much delay & difficulties we arrived at the mouth of Cloud's Creek, on Sunday evening, Feb. 20, 1780, where we lay by until Sunday, 27th, when we took our departure with sundry other vessels bound for the same voyage, & on the same day struck Poor Valley Shoal where we lay that afternoon & succeeding night in much distress.

Monday, Feb. 28, 1780. In the morning the water rising, we got off the shoal, after landing 30 persons to lighten our boat. In attempting to land on an island, received some damage and lost sundry articles, and came to camp on the south shore, where we joined sundry other vessels also bound down.

March 2nd. Passed the mouth of French Broad River, Mr. Henry's boat being driven on the point of an island by the force of a current was sunk, the whole cargo much damaged and the crew's lives much endangered, which occasioned the whole fleet to put on shore and go to their assistance. The same afternoon Reuben Harrison went out a hunting & did not return that night, though many guns were fired to fetch him in.

Wednesday, 8th. Cast off at 10 o'clock, & proceed down to an Indian village, which was inhabited on the south side of the river; they insisted on us to "come ashore", called us brothers, & showed other signs of friendship.

They appeared too friendly. We had not gone far before we discovered a number of Indians armed and painted proceeding down the river to intercept us. We still perceived them marching down the river in considerable bodies, keeping pace with us until the Cumberland Mountain withdrew them from sight, when we were in hopes we had escaped them. The Indians, to our astonishment, appeared immediately over us on the opposite cliffs and commenced firing down upon us. We immediately moved off, the Indians lining the bluffs along continued their fire from the heights on our boats below, without doing any other injury than wounding four slightly.

We have now passed through the Whirl. The river widens with a placid & gentle current; & all the company appear to be in safety except the family of Jonathan Jennings, whose boat ran on a large rock, and partly immersed in water immediately at the Whirl, where we were compelled to leave them, perhaps to be slaughtered by the merciless enemies. Continued to sail on that day and floated throughout the following night.

Sunday 12th. After running until about ten o'clock, came in sight of the Muscle Shoals. Halted on the northern shore at the appearance of the shoals, in order to search for the signs of Capt. James Robertson was to make for us at that place. Knowing ourselves to be in such imminent danger, to pursue our journey down the river. After trimming our boats in the best manner possible, we ran through the shoals before night. They had a dreadful appearance to those who had never seen them before. The water made a terrible roaring, the current running in every possible direction. Here we did not know how soon we should be dashed to pieces, and all our troubles ended at once. But by the hand of Providence we are now preserved from this danger. I know not the length of this wonderful shoal.

Tuesday 14th. On this day two boats approaching too near the shore, were fired on by the Indians. Five of the crew were wounded.

Monday the 20th. We arrived at the mouth of the Tennessee and landed on the lower point immediately on the bank of the Ohio. The river is very high, & the current rapid, our boats not constructed for the purpose of stemming a rapid stream, our provisions exhausted, the crews almost worn down with hunger & fatigue, and know not what distance we have to go, or what time it will take us to our place of destination. The scene is rendered still more melancholy as several boats will not attempt to ascend the rapid current. Some intend to descend the Mississippi to Natchez; others are bound for Illinois. We now part, perhaps to meet no more, for I am determined to pursue my course, happen what will.

Friday 24th. About three o'clock came to the mouth of a river which I thought was the Cumberland. Some of the company declared it could not be—it was so much smaller than we expected. But I never heard of any river running in between the Cumberland & Tenn.——We are now convinced it is the Cumberland.

Sunday 26th. Got under way early; procured some buffalo-meat; though poor it was palatable.

Monday 27th. Set out again; killed a swan, which was very delicious.

Tuesday 28th. Set out very early this morning; killed some buffalo. Proceeded up the river; gathered some herbs on the bottom of the Cumberland, which some of the company called Shawnee salad.

Friday 31. We are now without bread, and are compelled to hunt buffalo to preserve life. Worn out with fatigue our progress at present is slow.

Monday April 24, 1780. This day we arrived at our journey's end at the Big Salt Lick where we had the pleasure of finding Capt. Robertson and his company. It is a source of satisfaction to us to be enabled to restore to him and others their families & friends who were entrusted to our care, and who, sometime since, perhaps, despaired of ever meeting again. Though our prospects at present are dreary, we have found a few log cabins which have been built on a cedar bluff above the Lick by Capt. Robertson and his company.

## THE ANNALS OF TENNESSEE

by J. G. M. Ramsey

The distance traversed in the inland voyage, the extreme danger from the navigation of the rapid and unknown rivers, and the hostile attacks from the savages upon their banks, mark the emigration under Col. Donelson as one of the greatest achievements in the settlement of the West. (Year 1780) page 596.

June 2, 1791. "The Indians killed John Thompson in his own corn field, within five miles of Nashville; on the 14th of June they killed John Gibson* and wounded McMoon in Gibson's field within eight miles of Nashville; they killed Benjamin Kirkendal in his own house. They killed Robert and Wm. Sevier who had gone to the relief of the distressed families on the Cumberland River. . . .

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*This John Gibson, who was killed by the Indians, might have been the father of our ancestor, John Gibson, who is listed as a member of Donelson's voyage.

MARGARET MALINDA GIBSON CUNNINGHAM
Wife of John Borders Cunningham

## FELIX GIBSON AND MINERVA CLAYTON

### Fayetteville, Tennessee

Felix Gibson, son of John Gibson and wife, Margaret Joyce, was born June 7, 1808, at Nashville, Tennessee. On Oct. 29, 1829, he married Minerva Clayton, daughter of Stephen Clayton and wife, Nancy Hill, of Marshall County, Tennessee. She was born Nov. 1, 1813. They lived at Fayetteville, Tennessee, and had nine children:

1. Nancy Ann Gibson, born Oct. 13, 1830; married John H. Carter, Nov. 20, 1849.
2. Mary Jane Gibson, born Mar. 10, 1833; died 1903 at Lewisburg, Tennessee. She married Charlie Royester and had two children who died while young.
3. John Stephen Gibson, born Mar. 20, 1835; married Mary Anderson Brent, of Rockingham, North Carolina, Sept. 25, 1860. In early life this couple moved to Texas and accumulated quite a fortune. They became prominent citizens of Corsicana, Texas, where their four children were born.
4. Amanda Mariah Gibson, born Feb. 5, 1839; married Alex Walker June 13, 1859, and lived in Kern, Texas.
5. Emaline Frances Gibson, born Jan. 7, 1841; married J. C. Halbert, of Cyruston, Tennessee.
6. Margaret Malinda Gibson, born Dec. 22, 1843, married John Borders Cunningham, of Choccolocco, Alabama.
7. James Felix Gibson, born Mar. 26, 1845; died 1902 at Brooksville, Mississippi, where he was buried. He never married.
8. Minerva Josephine Gibson, born Mar. 9, 1847; died Jan., 1851.
9. Martha Gibson, born Jan. 10, 1849; married Wm. Turnipseed and lived at Oxford, Alabama. She died about 1896. No children.

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The above data was copied from the Gibson Bible which is in the care of the John Gibson family at Corsicana, Texas.

The above Minerva Clayton was the daughter of Stephen Clayton of Marshall County, Tennessee, who died in 1837 and his wife, Nancy Hill, died in 1826. (Births not known. Minerva had a brother, William G. Clayton, born Nov. 6, 1817, in Lincoln County, Tennessee. He was one of the most prosperous farmers in Marshall County, Tennessee.

Stephen Clayton was the son of William Clayton and wife Sarah of North Carolina.

(I have been informed that the Claytons lived at Cornersville, Tennessee, and all are buried at the old Davis Cemetery.)

## THE EWING FAMILY

The Ewing family and name are very old. The first mention in History is a poem in which Ewing was the second son of Fergus Erc, the first King of Argoilshire, a part of Scotland. This poem celebrated an event that happened in 483 A. D. which was the bringing of the Stone of Destiny from the Hill of Terah in Ireland to the convent of Columba.

This historical stone was captured by Edward the First in 1236 A. D. and was taken by him to London, and is now under the Coronation Chair in Westminster Abbey. Tradition and history both say that the Prophet Jeremiah brought this stone from Jerusalem to the Hill of Terah in the year 580 B. C. with Zedekiah's Daughters, Tamar and Mahala, to Echoid, the Ard Righ, or high king of Ireland, and who was of the tribe of Judah of the family of Zarah.

Echiod and Tamar Tephi were married and were crowned sitting on that Stone of Destiny, and that Stone remained on the Hill of Terah for over a thousand years. The Ewings are descendants of these two, and a collateral branch of the Clan McLachlan. The clan seat is Kilmore in Scotland. King James gave to John Ewing 2000 acres of the fat lands of Baily Bun in Donegal County, Ireland, in 1614, and these lands are still in possession of the Ewing family. Ewing is one of the oldest of Scotch Clans. The clan breaks into light from prehistoric times.

Names used mostly by the Ewings from the beginning are: John, Samuel and William.

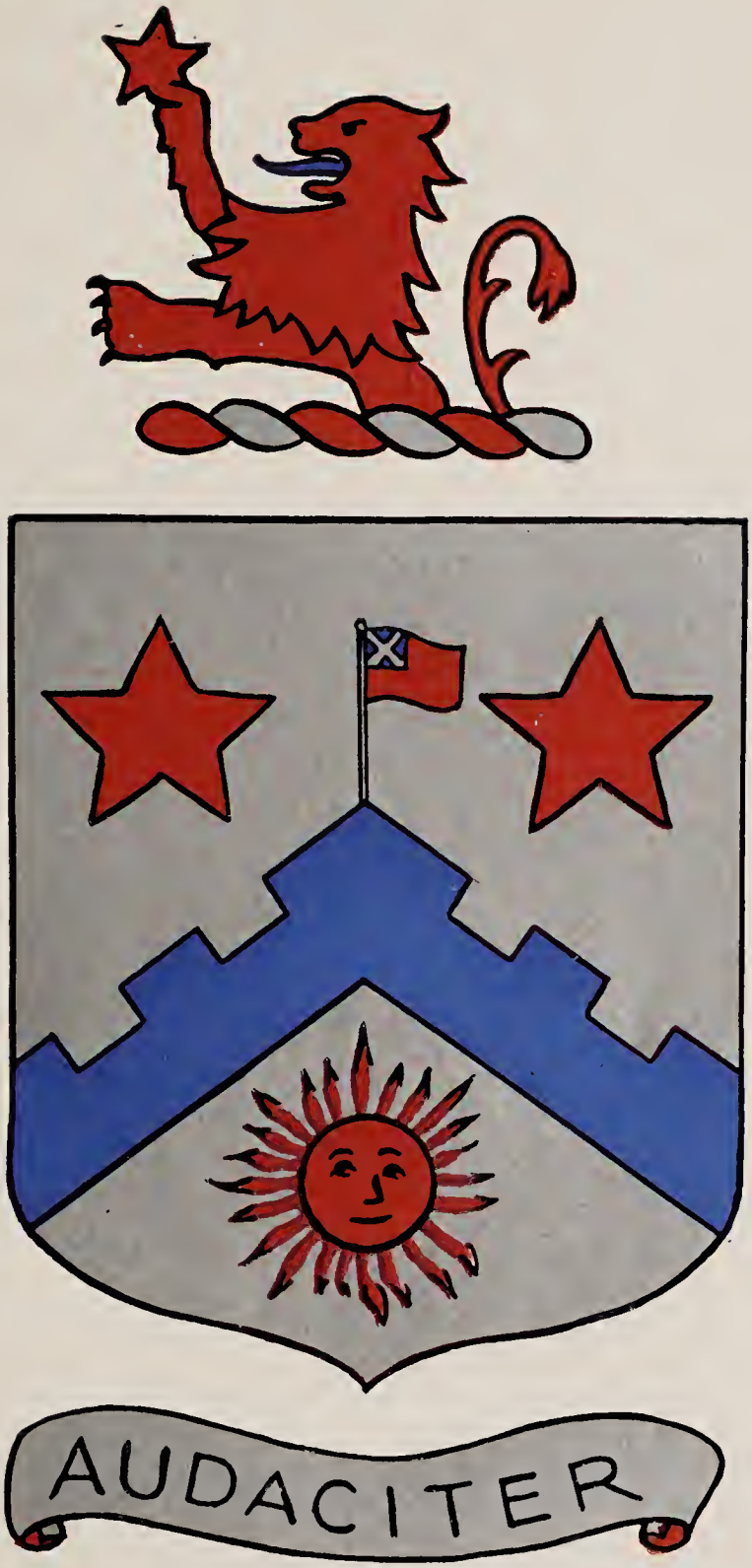
## CLAN EWING OF SCOTLAND

by Elbert William Ewing, A.M.; LL.B.; LL.D.*

### COAT-OF-ARMS

From the earliest dawn of history men used ensigns, banners, standards and badges as distinguishing emblems in war and in other affairs.

Ancient and medieval warriors wore armour, we know. Armour continued in use until about 1300. The head was encased in the helmet and so the identity of the armoured warrior was difficult or impossible. This led, it is believed, to the emblazonment of some distinctive device upon the outer or surcoat; this giving rise to the term Coat-of-arms. When later the Coat-of-arms came into use in Scotland the lion rampant became and yet is the




# John Ewing

The Ewing Coat-of-arms should be made: The shield is of silver; upon the shield is azure colored chevron embattled—that is, resembling a stairway. On the point of the chevron is a red banner, flung out to the right; on the banner is a canton, that is, one eighth of azure color of the second (meaning of the second color mentioned, as colors are not repeated, but given as first, second, third, etc.). The X shaped cross is of silver. The sun in his splendor is of red, also, the mullets stars and spurroyal. The lion holds in his right paw a mullet or red star. Red is the color of the head and body, mostly of the lion, the checkered lines of the right leg indicating a darker color, and along the back etc. The claws and tongue should be blue. The dots in the cross and stars indicate gold." Motto: Audaciter.

chief figure on the arms of the King of Scots. Hence, the lion rampant is significant, as an early meaning, of royalty or royal descent.

The king alone can give a grant of arms, and this he does in Scotland through the "Court of Lord Lyon" who holds directly from the crown. But the Lyon Herald of Scotland has lost much of his ancient function, which is now in Herald's College of Great Britain.

John Ewing, of Craightoun, Scotland inherited his Coat-of-arms from his ancestors. There are six entries of Ewing arms but all are founded upon those of Ewing of Craightoun. The arms of the Ewing family show several variations, but there is a substantial uniformity in those borne by the Scottish branches. The Ewing of Craightoun shows very certainly the four or five bars.

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*I was granted permission to use the above data by Mrs. Mary Ewing Murphy, of Arlington, Virginia. She is a sister of Dr. Elbert Wm. Ewing, deceased.

## JOHN EWING AND MARY PRATT

John Ewing, born 1730 in Queen Anne County, Maryland. There were five brothers of this family but the names of their parents are not known except that they came to this country from Scotland. John Ewing married Mary Pratt in Maryland and moved to Richmond County, North Carolina, where he built his home on Mountain Creek near Chapel Mills in 1785. He died in 1804. Mary Pratt was born 1738, died 1821. Their children were:

1. Isaac.
2. Thomas.
3. William.
4. Joseph
5. Christopher.

Isaac Ewing was born 1774; died 1857. He married Phoebe Jackson in 1796 and she died in 1855. Their children were:

a. John Ewing, born 1797.

b. William Ewing, born 1799.

c. Mary Ewing, born 1803; died 1868.

d. Isaac Ewing, Jr., born 1807; died 1872; married Martha Ingram.

e. Ann Ewing, born 1810; died 1872; married Calvin A. Everett.

f. Phoebe Ewing, born 1812; died 1846.

g. Rebecca Ewing, born 1815; died 1879; married William Parsons.

h. Eliza Ewing, born 1817; died 1820.

i. Kiziah Ewing, born 1821; died 1899; married Daniel Parsons.

j. Joseph Ewing, born 1801.

## JOHN EWING

John Ewing, born Oct. 4, 1797, the first child of Isaac Ewing, Sr., and Phoebe Jackson, married Mary Chisholm, born Jan. 7, 1796; died Oct. 9, 1877. She was the daughter of David Chisholm and wife, who came to this country from Scotland. Mary Chisholm had two brothers, William and John, of Montgomery County, North Carolina. John Ewing and wife are buried in the family burial ground at Sulphur Springs, North Carolina. Both graves are well marked. Their children were:

1. Thomas Ewing, married Edie Ann Thomas and lived at Sulphur Springs.
2. Sarah Ann Ewing, married Capt. S. T. Usher.
3. William Ewing, married Sally Everette.
4. Daniel Isaac Ewing, born Nov. 19, 1830; married Lydia Ann McAskill, of Montgomery County, North Carolina.

## JOHN EWING'S WILL

Born Oct. 4, 1797, died Jan. 24, 1875

In the name of God, Amen.

I, John Ewing, of the County of Montgomery and State of North Carolina, being in my perfect health and sound mind do this day, the second day of March Eighteen Hundred and Seventy-one, make this my last Will and Testament towit as follows:

My will is for my wife to have a sufficient of all my property to do her, her life time.

My will is for my son W. T. H. Ewing to have one hundred acres of land, what is called the Carter place on the North side of Little Creek adjoining the lands of James Munn and James Lewis.

My will is for my daughter, Sarahann Ewing Usher and S. T. Usher to have three hundred acres of land on the south side of Little Creek, what is called the Carter land adjoining the lands of Henry Yarborough and Patsy Blake and also, fifty acres lying in the fork of Big Creek and Little Creek adjoining the lands of James Lewis.

My will is Daniel Isaac Ewing, my son, to have the land two hundred and twenty-five acres that I got from Martin's Estate adjoining my own land and fifty-eight acres lying up and down on both sides of the Creek, including the mill for which I have given him the deed for the same.

My will is that W. T. H. Ewing will have twenty acres of land at Mineral Springs. His part will be on the South side of the Suck branch including the Academy. I will give a plan for I want all to corner at the Spring. (The plan was drawn in will but is omitted here.)

My will is that Daniel Isaac Ewing will have twenty acres on the North side of the Suck Branch to run North from the Spring and then run to the Branch same distance to make twenty acres.

My will is that my daughter, S. A. Ewing and S. T. Usher will have twenty acres on the North side of the Suck branch and west of the Spring to run North with D. I. lines and then run to a corner on my old line on the Suck branch to contain twenty acres.

My will is for D. I. Ewing to have my improvements and to take care and provide for his mother as long as she lives and then the rest of my land to be equally divided among my children.

I want my perishable property to be equally divided among my children as I want no hard feelings.

I appoint W. T. H. Ewing, D. I. Ewing and S. T. Usher my lawful Executors to this my last will and testament.

As my hand writing is well known and I wrote this myself I will sign and seal it without any witnesses and leave it with my private papers.

JOHN EWING

This will copied Mar. 12, 1877
C. C. WADE, Probate Judge

(Mary Chisholm was the wife of this John Ewing.)

## ANTIOCH SOCIETY

In possession of Mrs. Bettie Ewing Allred, Aberdeen, North Carolina, is the original book of the minutes and record of membership in the Antioch Society which was organized in 1844. John Ewing was Class Leader as long as it existed.

The general rules of the United Methodist Society are published in full.

## DAVID CHISHOLM'S WILL

In the name of God Amen:

I, David Chisholm, of the county of Montgomery and State of North Carolina, being in my perfect senses, and soundness of mind, but my poor body in a state of disability, do make this my last will & testament, revoking all others.

First I give and bequeath all my lands unto my two sons William and John Chisholm to be as equally divided as the nature of the case will permit, reserving a suffiency of the land with the improvements for my spouse dur-

ing her natural life, but if she should enter again into the married state to be deprived of this privilege.

Secondly I give and bequeath unto all my children all my negroes excepting one named Ben, and likewise all my perishable property of every kind to be equally divided amongst them. When my son John grows to full age. The negro named Ben as above observed to be given to my son John Chisholm extra. Likewise one negro girl named Chloe to be loaned to my wife during her widow-hood.

The part which becoming to my daughter, Nancy Yarbro, of my Estate to remain with her during her natural life and at her decease to the kin of her body and in no other way do I give it.

The part of my Estate coming to my daughter, Mary Ewing, provided she should have no issue at her decease and after the decease of her husband John Ewing for it to return to my kin to be equally divided amongst them. I do hereby nominate and appoint John Ewing and Anzy Pankey my true and lawful executors to this my last will and testament given under my hand and seal this the 11th day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-four. 1824.

DAVID CHISHOLM

Montgomery County, N. C.

JOEL HARRIS

CABON PU

The following is a letter from Tom W. Ewing to his father, John Ewing, of Sulphur Springs, North Carolina:

Normal College, N. C.
(now Duke University)

Oct. 9, 1857

Dear Father:

I received a letter from you the first inst. which gave us satisfaction to hear that you were well and getting along with your work as you are. —— It would be reasonable for you to suppose that I did not do much up here but I can tell you I have done more hard studying since I have been here this time than I ever did and it appeared to me I was not gaining anything but last night I think I realized the benefit of it. I got my lessons with double the ease and better. I came very near giving up Geometry but now I think I can get along. For success there is nothing that will substitute for Punctuality and Perseverance.

The first three weeks I studied until twelve and one o'clock but this week I have lay down at eleven and half to eleven. My studies are hard but I want and intend to conquer them if I can, and will have to if I ever carry out my future desires. —— There is now about 180 boys here. —— We are still well pleased with our boarding place. As to the eating it is not like the same place. I like it better every way. ——

As regards brother Daniel, he studied or lost too much sleep when he first came but now he is gaining fast, is very well contented and getting along with his studies admirably well. He will, I think, get first distinction on every thing.

SATURDAY MORNING

This morning finds me better and Daniel well. I asked some of the Professors how Daniel was getting on and they told me he was doing very well, the best in his class. If he can be persuaded to stay here until next June he can get a North Carolina one certificate and study one or two studies besides what he has now, though he speaks strongly of stopping at Christmas.

If I stay until 1861 I will then be twenty-seven years old and there are several boys here now older than that and not through. With the exception of the lap of time I believe it would do better to complete an education then, than at an earlier age.

In the first place I shall make money the fastest way that I can until I get all my debts paid; then, if you are willing, I shall put up a boarding house and an Academy at the Mineral Springs and if it prove well I shall then, if I can find a lady to my notion, I shall also, start a female school —— etc. ——

Write soon.
Your affectionate son
W. T. EWING

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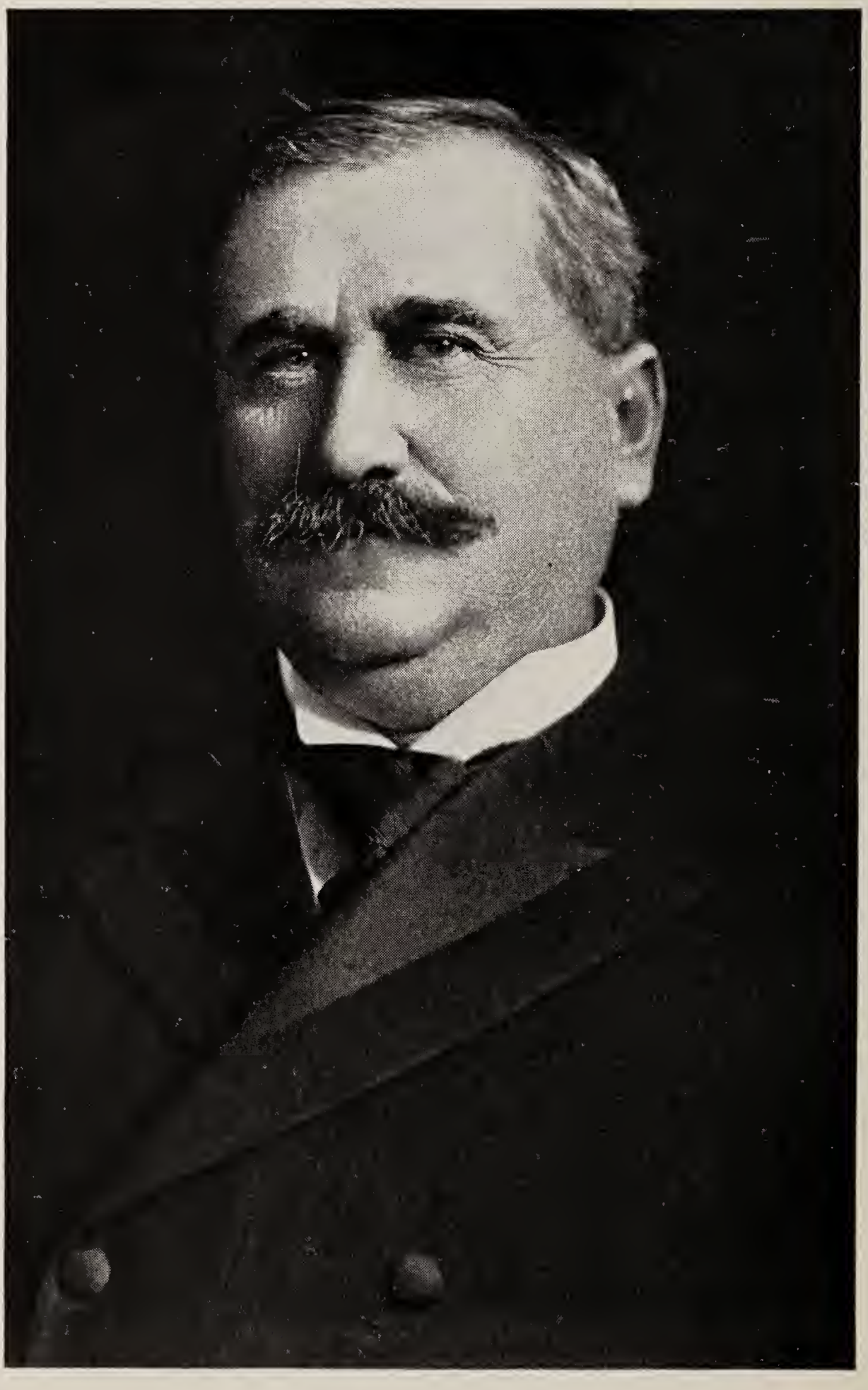
Tom became a professor and taught school several years there at Sulphur Springs (or Mineral Springs, as they called it then).



JOHN ALLEN EWING
1862 - 1939

## DANIEL ISAAC EWING AND LYDIA ANN McASKILL

### Confederate Veteran

Daniel Isaac Ewing was born Nov. 1830, at Sulphur Springs, North Carolina, son of John Ewing and wife, Mary Chisholm, of Montgomery County, North Carolina.

In 1857 he and his brother Tom Ewing attended Normal College which is now known as Duke University. About 1860 he married Lydia Ann McAskill, born Dec. 31, 1837, in Montgomery County, North Carolina, daughter of John McAskill and wife, Elizabeth Allen, both of Scotch descent. Members of this family were: Pearline McAskill, Nancy, Lydia Ann, James Edward and William McAskill.

On July 16, 1862, Daniel Isaac Ewing volunteered for service as private in Company C, 14th Regiment, North Carolina Infantry, at Raleigh, at 24 years of age. He was wounded May 3, 1863, at Chancellorsville. He was retired to the Invalid Corps Apr. 12, 1864 and by order dated Mar. 18, 1865, he was to report to the Commandant of Post at Lynchburg, Virginia. He was paroled at Lynchburg Apr. 15, 1865. Children from this union were:

1. John Allen Ewing, born Mar. 28, 1862, at Sulphur Springs, North Carolina.
2. James William Ewing, born Mar. 4, 1865.
3. Samuel Thomas Ewing, born Mar. 28, 1868.
4. Daniel Calvin Ewing, born Jan. 14, 1871.
5. Robert Lee Ewing, born Dec. 27, 1873. Single. Died 1932.
6. Mary Ann Elizabeth (Bettie) Ewing, born Nov. 3, 1876.
7. Joseph Jarvis Ewing, born May 29, 1880. Died 1932. Single.

## SAMUEL THOMAS EWING AND NOVIE CAMPBELL

Candor, North Carolina

Samuel Ewing, son of Daniel Isaac Ewing and Lydia McAskill, of Sulphur Springs, North Carolina, was born Mar. 28, 1868. He married Novie Campbell, of Sanford, North Carolina, Dec. 22, 1892, daughter of Wm. Benjamin Campbell and wife, Nancy McRae. He is in the mercantile and lumber business in Candor, North Carolina, and has a nice colonial home. Their children are:

1. Annie Ruth Ewing, born June 12, 1895; married Dr. Richard E. Martin, son of John A. Martin and wife, Cornelia Marion, and live at East Bend, N. C. They married Dec. 26, 1919. Children:

   a. David E. Martin, Jr., born Jan. 29, 1921.

   b. Kedric Ewing Martin, born Feb. 8, 1924.

   c. Kenneth Marian Ewing Martin, born Feb. 8, 1924.

   All of these sons volunteered and are serving their country in the U. S. Navy this year 1945.

2. Walter Clyde Ewing, born Sept. 15, 1896; died Apr. 3, 1934. He was a World War One veteran.

3. Hal Campbell Ewing, born June 14, 1899; married Elva Dorminey, of Ocilla, Georgia, March 11, 1941, daughter of Edgar Dorminey and wife, Tillitha Paulk. No children.

4. William Benjamin Ewing, born Oct. 3, 1902; married Anna Lee McLean, of Biscoe, North Carolina, daughter of Duncan P. McLean and wife, Cora Haltaw, on Oct. 12, 1925. Their issue:

   a. Jvanita Yvonne Ewing, born May 31, 1926.

   b. Betty Ann, born Dec. 8, 1929.

5. Daniel Isaac Ewing, born Oct. 3, 1902; married Dorothy Cushing, of Boston, Massachusetts, daughter of Arthur C. Cushing and wife, Rebecca Porter, on Dec. 30, 1925. Their issue:

   a. Daniel Isaac Ewing, Jr., born July 27, 1926. In military service for the U. S. A.

   b. William Arthur Ewing, born Dec. 9, 1940.

6. John Allen Ewing, born Sept. 2, 1904; died young.

7. Samuel Thomas Ewing, born Apr. 4, 1906; died young.

8. Nell McRae, born Jan. 8, 1908; married Wiley C. Nance, of Troy, North Carolina, Oct. 1, 1938. He is the son of Wm. Clark Nance and wife, Ella Hurley. No children.

9. Nan Gilliam Ewing, born Oct. 28, 1909; married Wm. J. Boswell, March, 1930, son of Wm. Boswell and wife, Pearl Henderson, and live at Graham, N. C. Their children are:

   a. Nova Pearl Boswell, born Dec. 29, 1930.

   b. Nina Lee Boswell, born May 26, 1934.

   c. William J. Boswell, Jr., born Oct. 9, 1936.

## JAMES WILLIAM EWING AND JANIE CAMPBELL

Biscoe, North Carolina

James William Ewing was born Mar. 4, 1865, son of Daniel Isaac Ewing and wife, Lydia McAskill, of Sulphur Springs, North Carolina. For many years he has been in the mercantile business at Biscoe, North Carolina. He is a strictly pious man, devoted to his church, and is a strong Presbyterian.

On Dec. 10, 1891, he married Janie Campbell, born July 22, 1870, at Carthage, North Carolina, daughter of John Campbell and wife, Mary Jane McRae, both of Scotch descent. This couple has one daughter:

1. Jane Campbell Ewing, born Oct. 16, 1907, at Biscoe, North Carolina. She attended Biscoe High School and East Carolina Teachers' College. She taught school for five years, and is talented in music. On Dec. 27, 1933, she married William Alton Barber, born July 3, 1907, son of William Barber and wife, Bernice McMillan. He attended Biscoe High School, Elon College and Kings Business College. They have a home at Columbia, South Carolina, where Mr. Barber holds a position as assistant manager of the Cunningham Lumber Company. They have two children:

   a. Margaret Anne Barber, born July 2, 1935. She is very talented in music and holds two National Guild Certificates with high honors. She received them at the ages of eight and nine years.

   b. Janie Ewing Barber, born Dec. 31, 1942.

## DANIEL CALVIN EWING AND NANCY LEACH

### Candor, North Carolina

Daniel Calvin Ewing, born Jan. 14, 1871, son of Daniel Isaac Ewing and wife, Lydia, of Sulphur Springs, North Carolina. On Oct. 22, 1896, he married Nancy Catherine Leach, born Jan. 28, 1874, daughter of Neil Leach and wife, Mary Jane McAskill, of Moore County, North Carolina.

When a young man he went to Georgia to work for an older brother, John Allen Ewing, who was a very successful turpentine operator. This brother gave D. C. $5,000 worth of stock in his business. They operated turpentine plants in Georgia, Mississippi and Florida. After seventeen successful years he went back to his native home in North Carolina and started what he considered his life calling—that of being a good farmer.

He invested in large tracts of land around Candor and built a large colonial home and became a very valuable citizen. He was one of the organizers of the Candor Bank and served several years as its first president. He was made chairman of the School Board when there was a two-teacher school. At present there are four school buildings and a faculty of twenty-five teachers. He helped to build the Presbyterian Church and is one of the charter members.

A spirit of true southern hospitality was evident in this home. Their children are:

1. Edna Lydia Ewing, born Sept. 12, 1900, at Climax, Georgia. On June 12, 1921, she married Claude Ivey Burkhead, born Aug. 31, 1893, son of Ivey Burkhead and wife, Mattie Wade, of Farmer, North Carolina. Mr. Burkhead is a prominent merchant of Candor, North Carolina. They have one child:

   a. Claude Ivey Burkhead, Jr., born Nov. 1, 1926.

2. Lucille Ewing, born July 14, 1904; was educated at Peace Institute at Raleigh, North Carolina, and Queen's College, Charlotte, North Carolina. On Dec. 29, 1926, she married McDuffie Clark, born Jan. 16, 1905, son of Henry Rollins Clark and wife, Mary

Page, of Candor, North Carolina. They are identified with the Presbyterian Church, and have one child:

a. McDuffie Clark, Jr., born May 25, 1932.

3. Daniel Calvin Ewing, Jr., born Dec. 5, 1906, at Baxterville, Mississippi. After graduating from the Candor High School he attended Davidson College and the University of North Carolina. He has taken over the responsibility of his father's business and is proving to be one of the most successful business men in that part of the State. On May 14, 1937, he married Grace Mildred Jolly, born Aug. 19, 1909, daughter of N. O. Jolly and wife, Margaret C. Mumford, of Pitts County, North Carolina. She taught several years in the Candor Schools. Their children are:

   a. Catherine Cornelia Ewing, born July 16, 1939.

   b. Carole Claudia Ewing, born Jan. 20, 1941, at Candor, N. C.

4. Nancy Leach Ewing, born Dec. 17, 1912; died Feb. 6, 1938. She was a very popular young woman and is sadly missed by a host of friends and loved ones.

## JOE FRANKLIN ALLRED AND MARY ANN ELIZABETH (BETTIE) EWING

Aberdeen, North Carolina

Bettie Ewing was born Nov. 3, 1876, the daughter of Daniel Isaac Ewing and Lydia McAskill, of Sulphur Springs, North Carolina. She is a very pretty woman. She married Joe Franklin Allred, born in Richmond County, July 19, 1868, son of Isaac Allred and wife, Eliza Jane Bostick. They own a nice, large two-story home right in the heart of Aberdeen, North Carolina. Their children are:

1. Frank Ewing Allred, born May 24, 1895, at Aberdeen, N. C. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina. In June 1941 he married Elizabeth Crowel, of Archdale, N. C., and they have two children, Frank Allred, Jr., and Henry Crowell Allred.

2. Daniel Isaac Allred, born May 8, 1900. He attended Bingham Military School and Trinity School at Durham, N. C. He married Elizabeth Huntley of Aberdeen, N. C., and they have one child: Dan Allred, Jr.

3. Christine Elizabeth Allred, born Mar. 12, 1905. She attended Queen's College of Charlotte, N. C., and Salem College of Winston-Salem, N. C. She married Wilmer Allen McDonald of Timberland, N. C. They live at Raeford, N. C., and are prominently identified with that city. They have one child: Wilmer Allen McDonald, Jr.

4. Joe Allred, Jr., born July 16, 1908. He married Ina Wilson of Raeford, N. C., and they have one son: James Wilson Allred.

## HISTORY OF LOWNDES COUNTY, GEORGIA
## 1825-1941

by the General James Jackson Chapter, D. A. R.

Mrs. J. A. Ewing, Jan. 1915 - Sept. 1916

During Mrs. J. A. Ewing's regency, a number of valuable books were added to the D. A. R. section at Carnegie Library, a file for historical papers was placed at the Library, and the compilation of records for the History of Lowndes County was begun. It was while Mrs. Ewing was regent that a lot on North Patterson Street was given to three organizations, the Wymodausis Club, the Valdosta Chapter, U. D. C., and the Gen. James Jackson Chapter, D. A. R., for the erection of a Club House. This deed was made by the City of Valdosta, together with the Ashley Trust Company which was composed of Messrs. D. C. Ashley, W. S. West and Lowndes Shaw.

The following was taken from

The Baptist Annual—First Baptist Church—1908, Jacksonville, Florida

"Riverside Mission—on April 28, 1908 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ewing, 1064 Park Street, a group of members from the First Baptist Church gathered together for the purpose of taking preliminary steps in the establishment of a Baptist Church in Riverside. The following persons were present: Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ewing, Mrs. F. H. Butler, Elizabeth Butler, Mrs. E. E. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Harris, Mrs. Ruth Paxon, Mrs. Frank G. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. West, Mrs. C. W. Bartleson, Mrs. A. A. Petterson, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. LaMance, Mrs. S. A. E. Upchurch, Miss Mamie Wilkerson, Mrs. A. G. Thompson, Mrs. Philip M. Ball, and Rev. W. A. Hobson.

It was moved and seconded that a local committee be appointed to cooperate with the Pastor and Deacons of the First Church in erecting a temporary meeting house on the mission lot, corner of Park and Margaret Streets, and the following persons were elected to serve in this capacity: Mr. J. A. Ewing, Chairman, Mrs. J. A. Ewing, Mrs. F. H. Butler, Mrs. E. E. Clark and Rev. T. F. Hendon. Mrs. J. A. Ewing, Mrs. F. H. Butler and Mrs. Clark were requested to make as many calls in Riverside as possible between this and the next meeting, in hope of securing a larger attendance of Riverside Baptist at the next meeting. They were also requested to solicit funds for the erection of the temporary building.

On the first Sunday in October the Riverside Mission was organized into the Riverside Baptist Church. The Rev. T. F. Hendon was called as pastor. The new church starts off with a noble little band and with bright prospects ahead of becoming one of the best churches in the city.

## EXCERPTS FROM THE WIREGRASS FARMER, ASHBURN, GEORGIA

Nov. 9, 1939. Mrs. Alex Story, on behalf of the Turner County Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, presented Mrs. J. A. Ewing, who is retiring as president, a corsage of flowers. The token, she stated, expressed in a small way, the appreciation of the chapter for her untiring work and efforts as President the past two years. She then stated that Mrs. Ewing's record had been an unusual one, for under her regime the Chapter had received the Blount loving cup at the convention in Atlanta for having bestowed the greatest number of Military Crosses in the state for the year. Also, two beautiful flags the past two years for being a Star Chapter. The chapter was first in marking Confederate graves, sixty four having been marked the past two years under her leadership and led the state in this work. The chapter was first under Mrs. Ewing to present a widow of a World War veteran a Military Cross. The chapter also, placed many valuable pictures in the schools of the county during this administration.

Nov. 9, 1939. Mrs. J. A. Ewing has just received a beautiful steel engraved picture of Jefferson Davis. It was won by the Turner County Chapter for being prompt in contributing their quota to the Jeff Davis monument at Montgomery, Ala. The Turner County Chapter was one of ten out of 111 chapters in the state to be so honored.

Jan. 9, 1941. The Wiregrass Farmer is glad to present to our readers through the courtesy of the Ocilla Star the picture of the Memorial Museum at Jefferson Davis Memorial Park at Irwinville, Georgia. The Memorial Committee met at Irwinville recently to inspect and accept the building. Mrs. J. A. Ewing and Judge R. L. Tipton are members of this committee from Turner County. Mrs. Ewing presented to this Memorial a handsome mahogany library table.

May 13, 1943. Mrs. J. A. Ewing, historian for the Turner County Chapter, stated that a large number of students entered the historical essay contest.

Nov. 3, 1938. In reference to the organization of the Jeff Davis Chapter, Children of the Confederacy, the State Chairman wrote: Dear Mrs. Ewing, I want to thank you for the quickest work in the organization of a Chapter that I have ever known.

## FROM THE VALDOSTA TIMES

1915. "The Daughters of the American Revolution have by no means had a sleepy summer. The work of preserving the history of Lowndes County, which the Daughters have been engaged in, has gone busily on under the direction of the chapter's capable Regent, Mrs. J. A. Ewing."

Jan. 12, 1916. "The history of Lowndes County, upon which the chapter has been working, was reported to be almost ready to be turned over to the history committee and the subject of illustrations discussed."

Bartow, Florida, Apr. 6, 1917. A committee composed of Mrs. J. A. Ewing, Mrs. L. V. Swearingen and Mrs. A. T. Mann called together a mass meeting for the purpose of organizing a Red Cross Society in Bartow, Florida.

## REMINISCENCES OF MY EARLY LIFE

Changing conditions cause me to appreciate more and more my father's home.

Since this is my family history there are a few things in appreciation that should be said. Our mother made every effort to have a happy home for her children. She gave unstintingly of her time and strength toward entertaining the host of friends and relatives who always felt welcome to come and stay weeks at a time. In order to keep her boys at home on Sundays she always prepared a big dinner and often thirty-five would be seated at her table. There was never, never a complaint about too much company or that they should not stay so long. Many of our friends would pay a six weeks visit, and some relatives would remain for several months. People came from far and near to visit us and all who came wanted to remain because they found a friendly atmosphere where they were welcome, and free as the air they breathed.

My father was not a wealthy man but he was a good provider and always kept three servants to help around the house. One was a negro named Bunk, who helped with me when I was a baby and remained there faithful until my father's death. Bunk was there at all times when any of us wanted to go horse-back riding. There were always two or three good saddle horses in the barn and we felt privileged to ride at any time. My father kept fine saddle horses for breeding purposes. There were no cars then but we always had a way to go places and to go on horse-back was lots of fun.

At the County Fairs in Macon, Mississippi, some of us usually tried for the prizes and often won. Sister Virginia not only won year after year the blue ribbon for being the most graceful rider but won for being the most beautiful woman. Sister Addie and I too, know the thrill of having judges come forward with the blue ribbon and pin it on us for being the most graceful riders. Bro. Will was voted the handsomest man. He was more than six feet tall, a decided brunette with beautiful teeth and a contagious laugh.

My father had a fine physique, more than six feet tall and weighed 225 pounds, well proportioned, a perfect brunette. He was robust and erect at the age of 77 years, well preserved not even having lost a tooth.

My mother was a small woman with blue eyes and brown hair. She was full of energy, ambitious, self sacrificing and filled an early grave, 52 years of age, by doing so much for others and thinking so little of her own health.

My father married again and was fortunate to get a woman who tried to fill my mother's place. When I was sixteen years of age my father married Mrs. Mattie Dantzler, a sister of my dear brother-in-law, Emmet Dantzler. This was a wise step on the part of my father, because Miss Mattie really made a home for his children. She continued with the same spirit of hospitality and caused us to feel privileged to entertain friends and relatives. This was much trouble, I am sure, but Miss Mattie never complained and always made our guest feel welcome. As the years come and go and as I observe other homes I appreciate more and more all that my step-mother did for our happiness. At times I was so happy that I'd remark that I felt like flying. To marry and leave home was a sad thought to me. I still love the old home, every rock, every board in the old dwellings, all is dear and sacred to me.

LINDA CUNNINGHAM EWING

## MEMORIES

By Adylein Ewing Blake

At an early age we children, John, Linda May and I, were under the guiding hand and tutoring of a competent Governess. At that time we were living a few miles from Valdosta, Georgia, and the children of Mr. and Mrs. Will McRee came over every day, sharing with us the opportunities afforded by a Governess.

Of the four Governesses we had, one, Miss Eloise de Grange of Opequin, Virginia, was dearly loved. She took a great interest teaching us many poems and songs. Occasionally, recitals were given where we recited, played and sang. Guests were invited for the occasion and were presented attractive little programs made by us. We particularly enjoyed the handwork, drawings, paper folding and the weaving of baskets with rafia, also, making bowls of watermelon seed.

My sister, Linda, was about two years of age when we began our tutoring under a Governess. She was bright and adored taking part in all instructions. One morning she came in and said, "It's time for my lesson. It is half past thirteen o'clock."

Miss Griswold of New York City was another efficient Governess. She was cultured, highly educated and from a prominent family of that city. Her brother-in-law was Ambassador to Turkey and she had spent much time in that country. She would have remained with us indefinitely had World War One not disrupted our plans.

Another Governess worthy of mention was Frau Von Hatzfeld of Germany, a cousin of the Kaiser. She was a linguist, spoke German and French fluently and was a very interesting person but due to a most eccentric disposition did not remain with us very long.

When Daddy bought our Cadillac in 1912 I was surprised at people thinking how strange for Mother to be able to drive a car. We always knew that Mother could do anything she wanted to, even to being among the first of the women to drive a car in the fair city of Valdosta.

Because of my hay fever Daddy bought a cottage at Atlantic Beach, Florida where we spent the summers and had a wonderful time learning to swim and surf boarding. We saw nine huge whale driven on shore by the sharks.

There are many happy memories too numerous to relate.

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